

# Computational Cameras and Illumination

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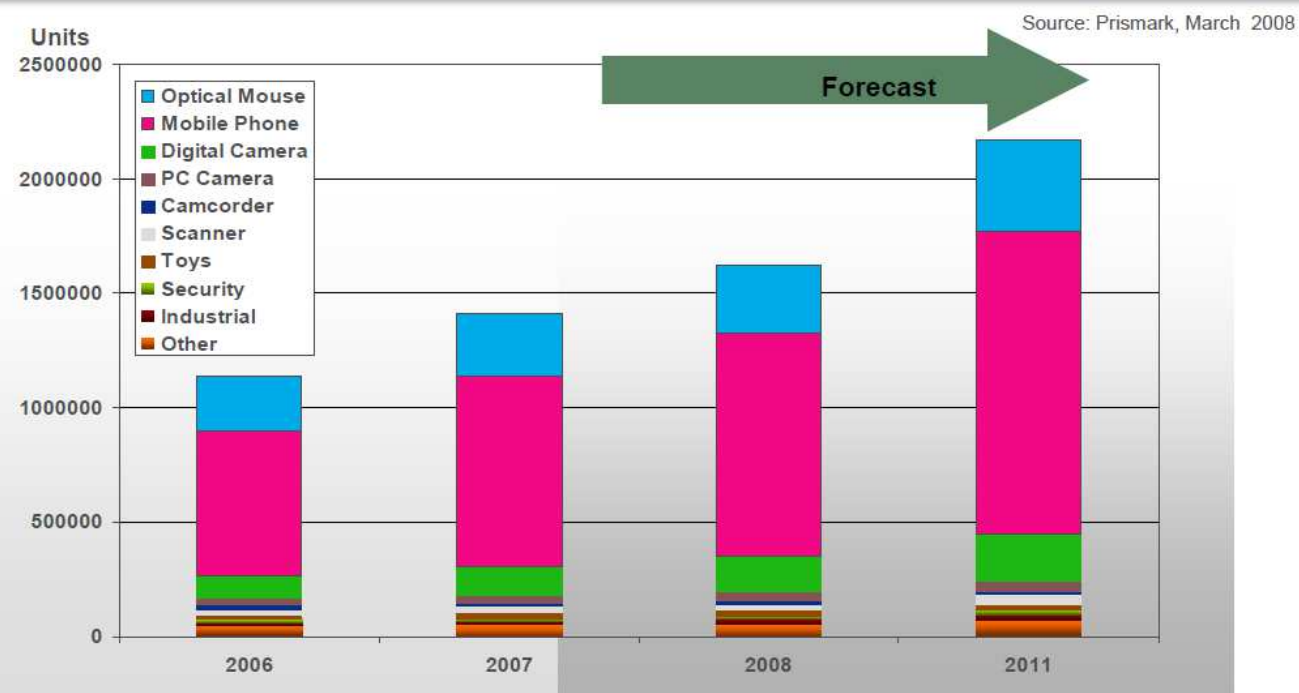
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# Where are the cameras?

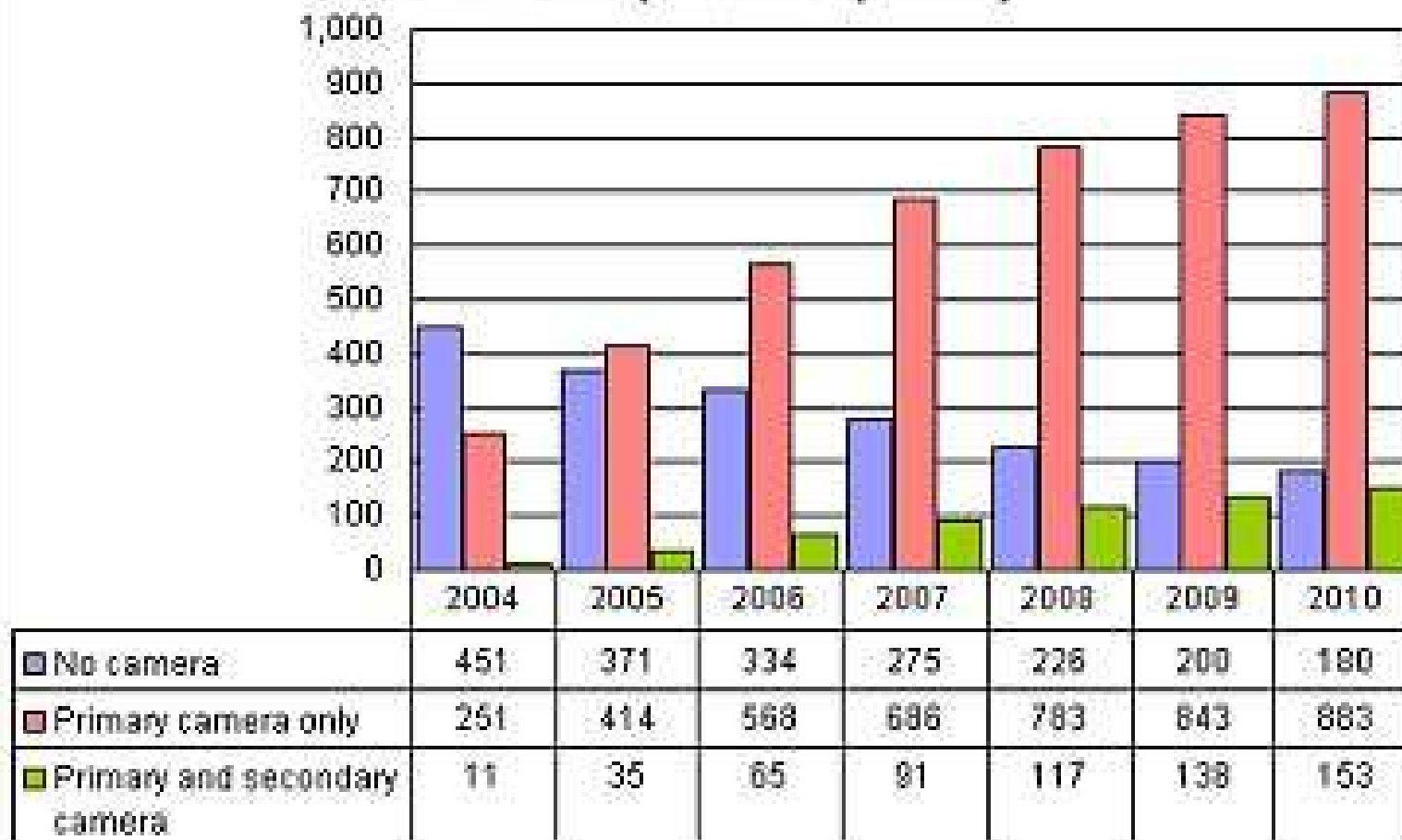
## Image Sensors Markets





# Cameras in Mobile Phones

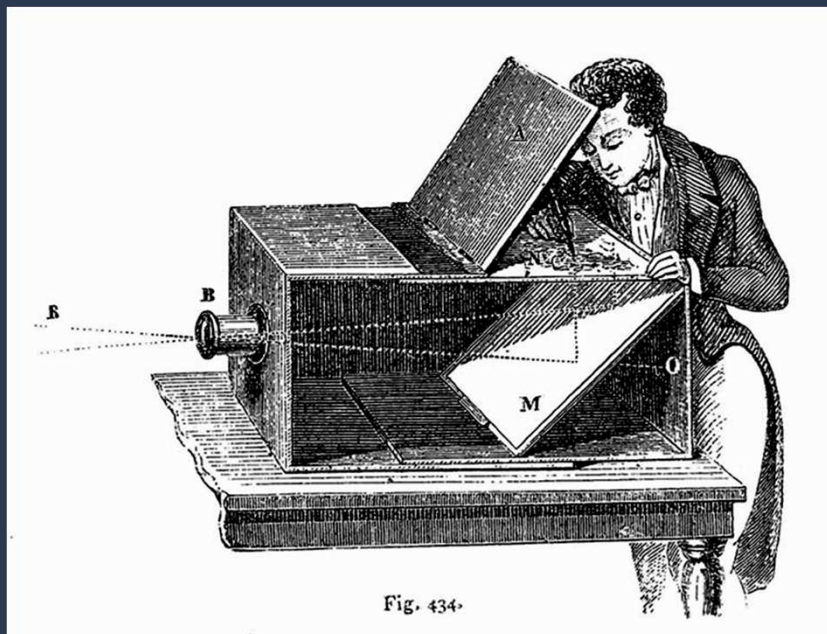
Forecast of camera penetration in mobile phones,  
2004 - 2010 (millions of phones)



Source: iSuppli



# Have Cameras Evolved?



Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568



Digital Cameras





## Have Projectors Evolved?

- Similar trends in form factor/Cost
  - Film/Slide projectors
  - Digital projectors
  - Pocket Projectors
  - Pico Projectors
  - Projectors in smartphones





## Projector vs Cameras

- Current projectors offer capabilities far beyond current cameras
- Each projector pixel can be independently controlled
  - Allows coding and modulation of **outgoing** light

How about cameras where each pixel can be independently controlled?

Allow coding and modulation of **incoming** light?



# Projectors vs Cameras



Exposure, Frame  
Rate, Resolution etc.



High level  
controls



Brightness, color  
temperature



Per Pixel Control?





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Computational  
Cameras





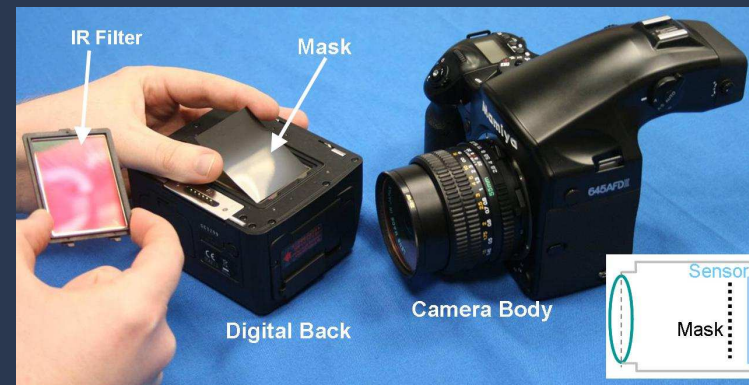
# Computational Cameras



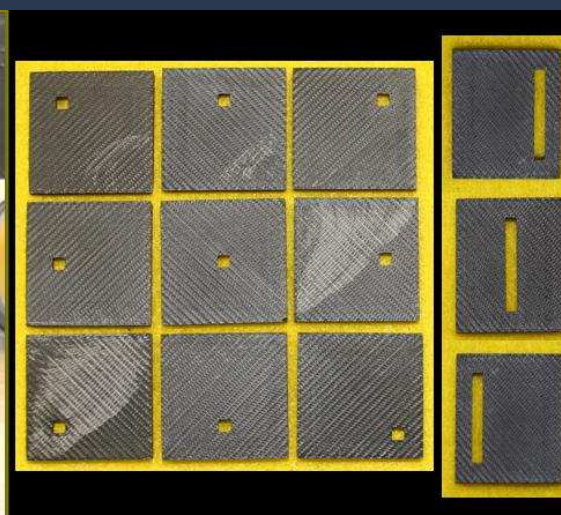
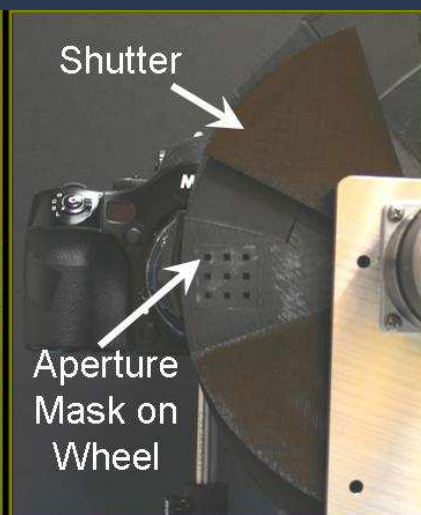
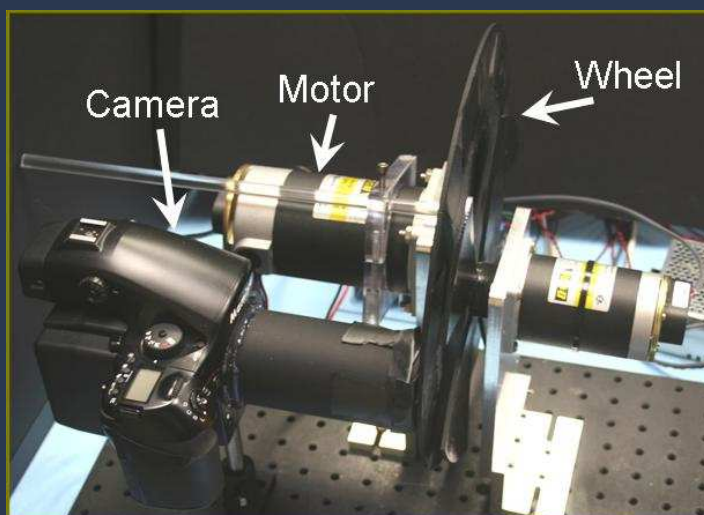
Flutter Shutter  
Camera



Coded Aperture  
Camera



Mask based light field  
camera

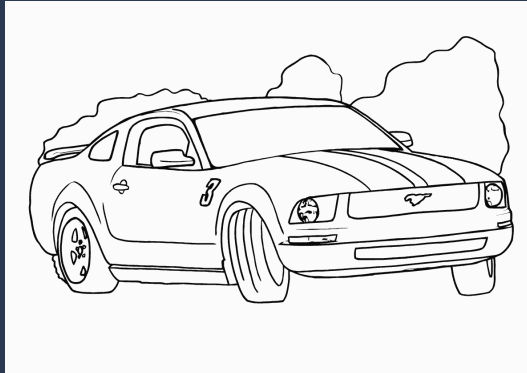


Reinterpretable Camera

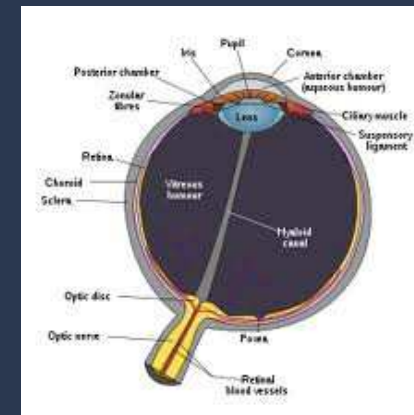




# Not Mimicking Humans



Computational  
Cameras





## **Not Mimicking Humans**

- Scientific Imaging, Astronomy
  - Imaging capabilities beyond human vision
- Bring such ideas into
  - Computational photography
  - Computer vision



# Computational Cameras and Illumination

- Computational Illumination (Projector)

- Structure Light
- Design of new codes
- Global Illumination



- Computational Cameras

- Motion Blur, Focus Blur, Light Fields, Plenoptic Function



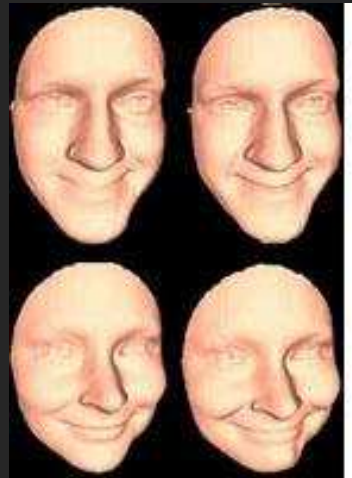


# Advances in Structured Light Scanning

High depth resolution ( $\sim 50$  microns)



High speed ( $\sim 4000$  Hz.)

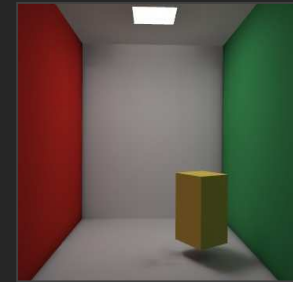
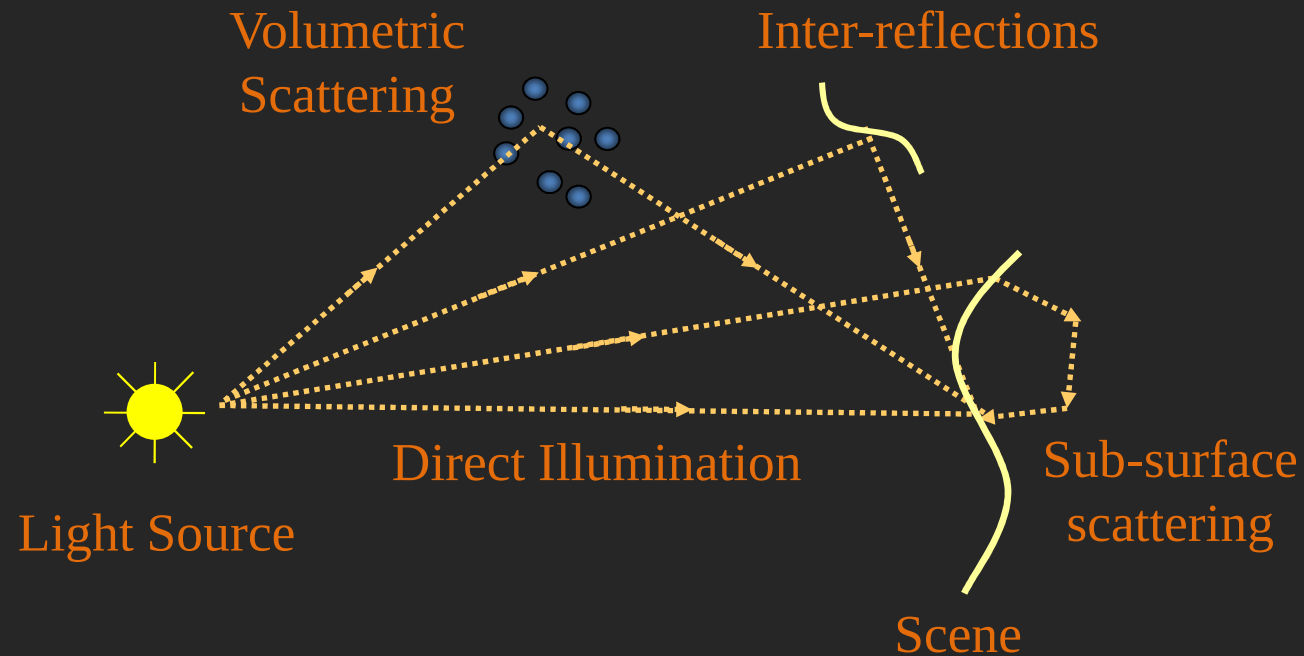


Zhang et al



Kinect

# Light Transport

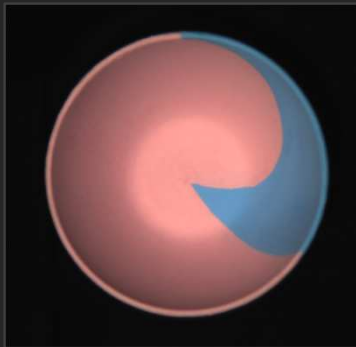


# Global light transport in the world around us

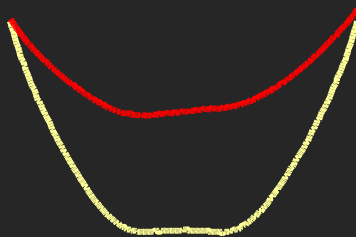


# What happens if we ignore global light transport?

Photometric  
Stereo



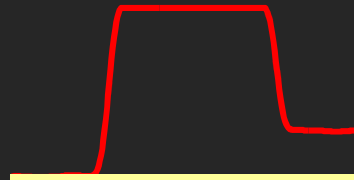
Nayar et al [1991, 2006]



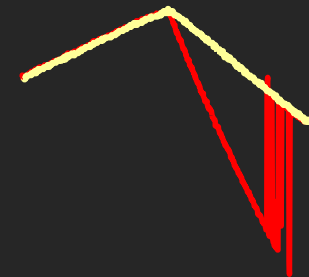
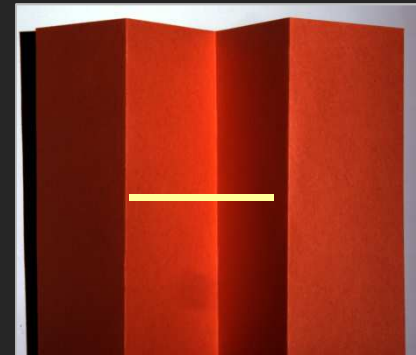
Shape from  
Illumination Defocus



Gupta et al [2009]



Structured Light  
Triangulation



— Estimated Shape      — Ground Truth



# Translucent Wax Object

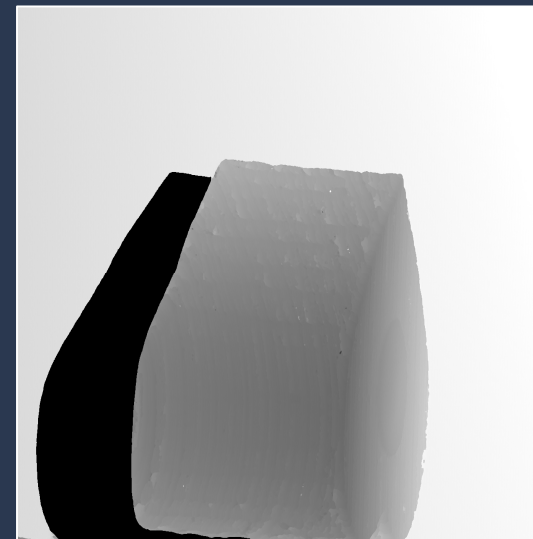
Errors due to strong  
sub-surface  
scattering



Scene



Modulated Phase-  
Shifting



Ours

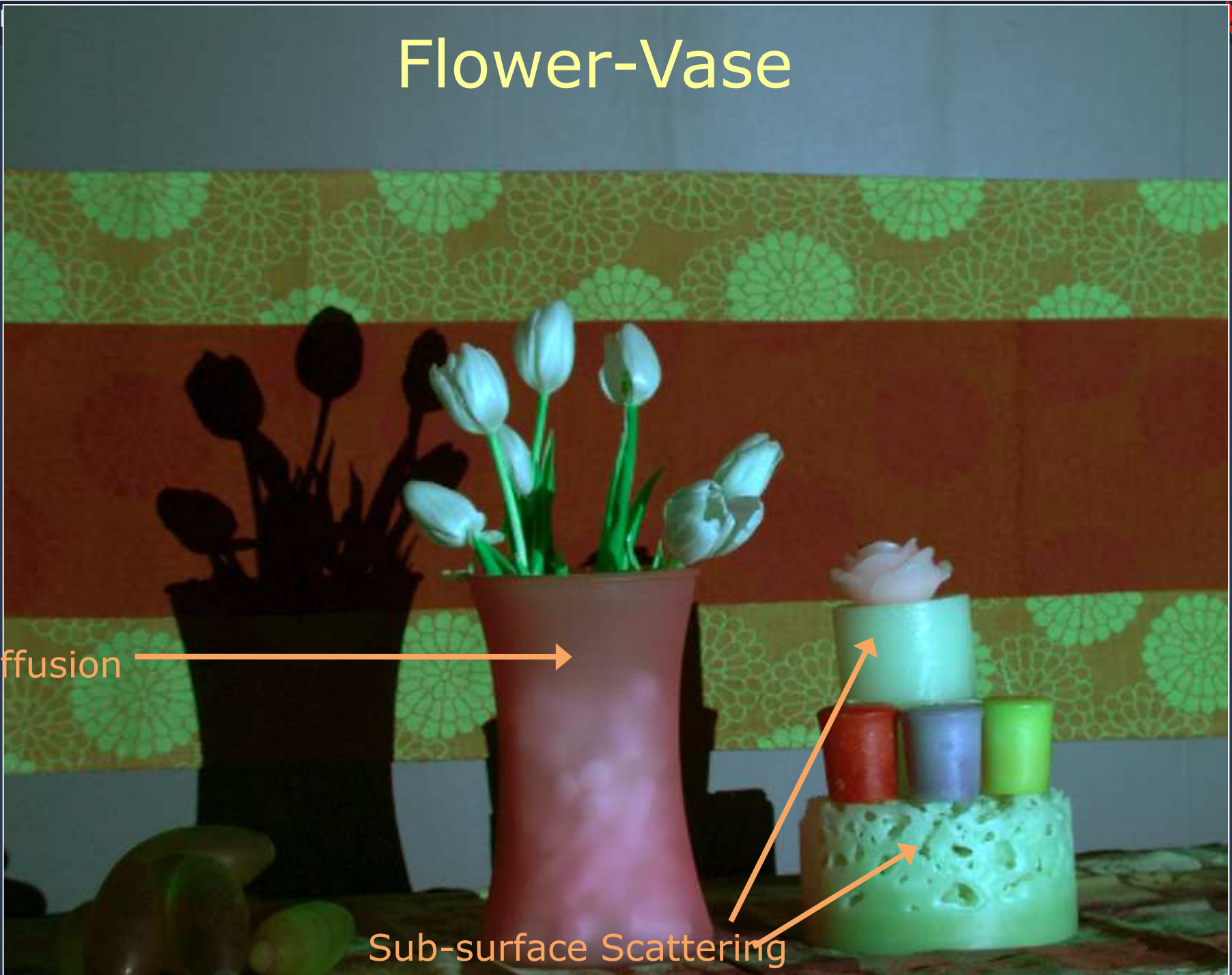


# Flower-Vase

Diffusion



Sub-surface Scattering







## Reconstructed Depth Map

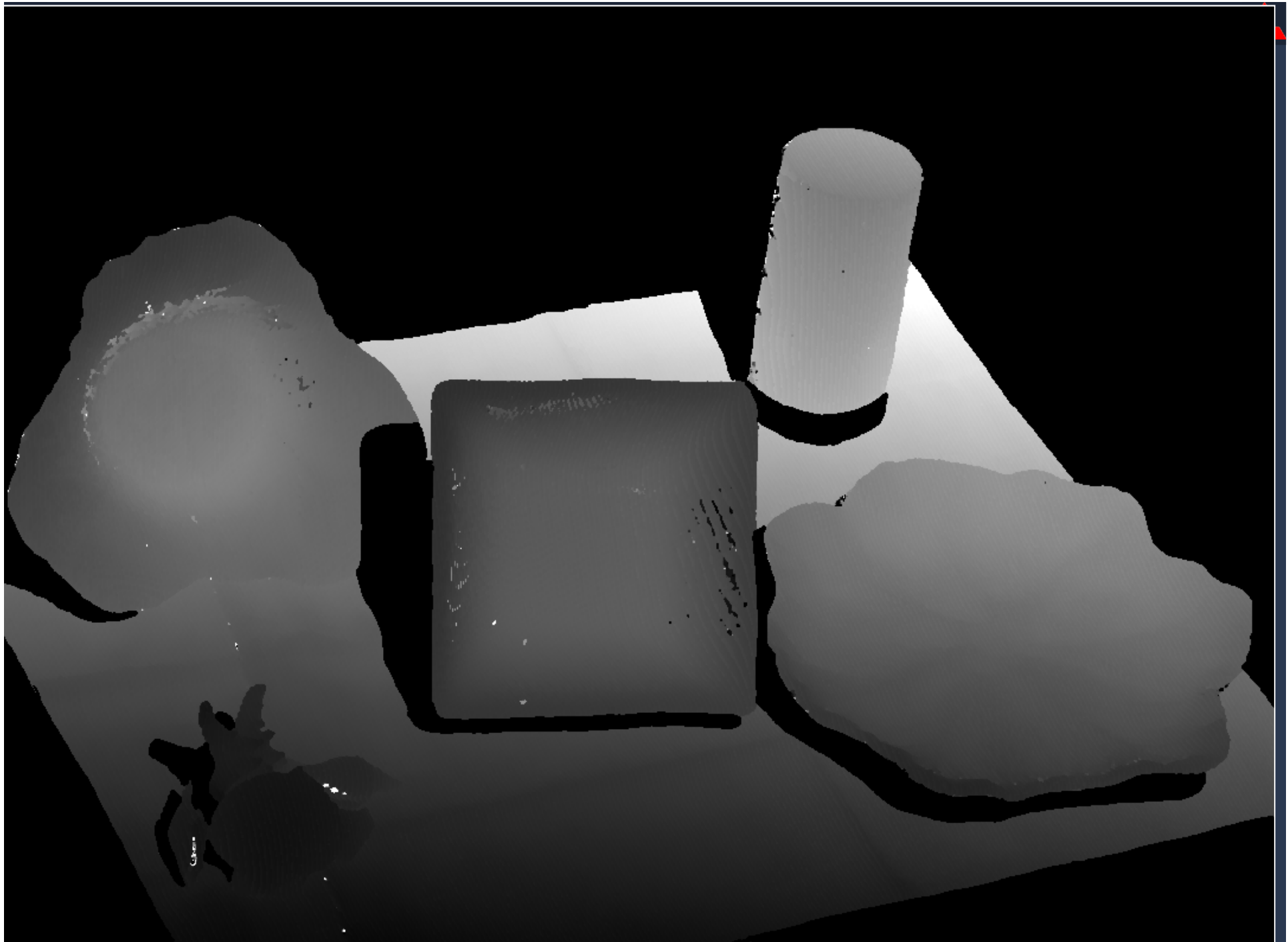


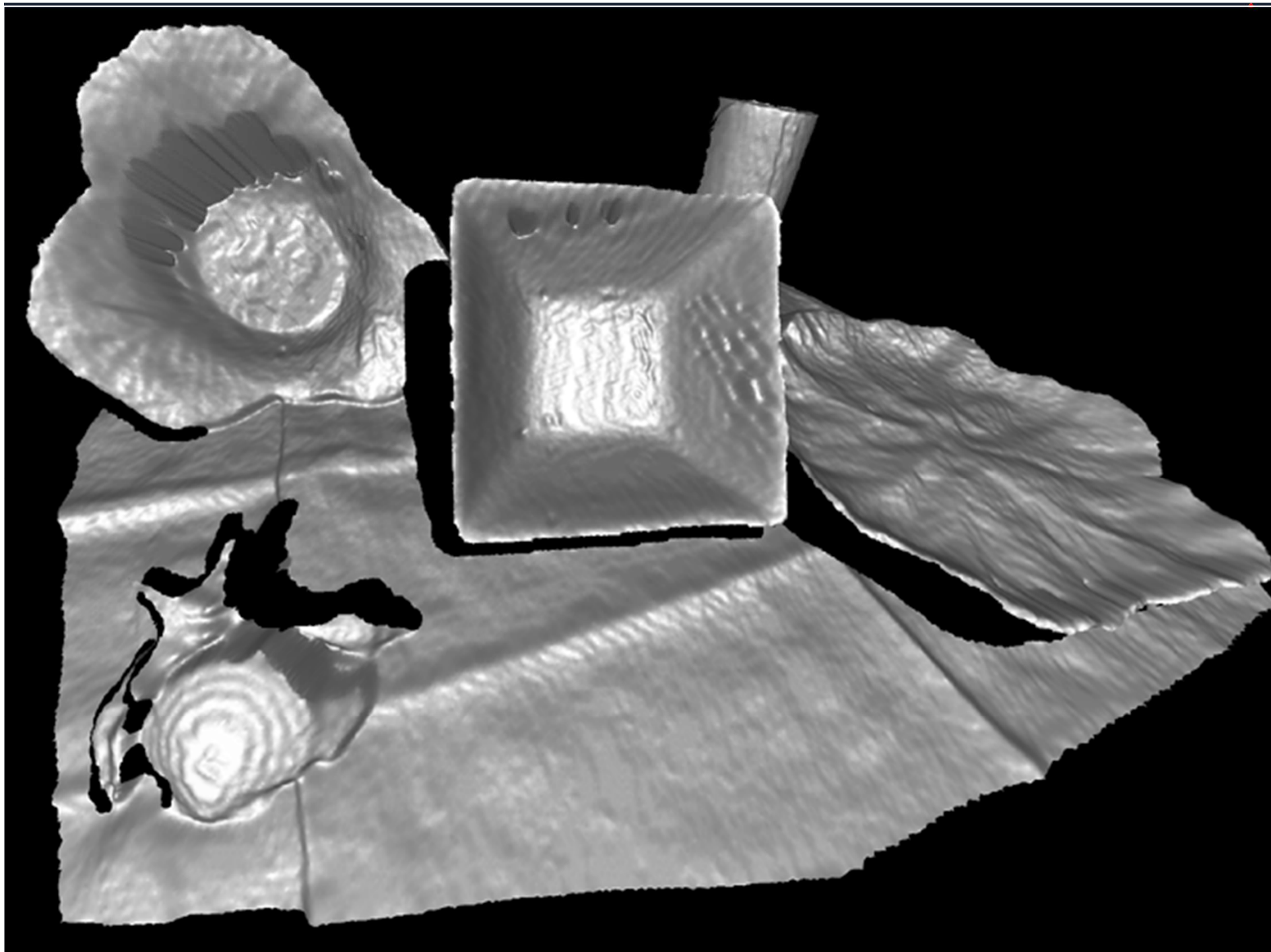
# Bowls and Milk: Multiple Effects

Subsurface Scattering

Interreflections







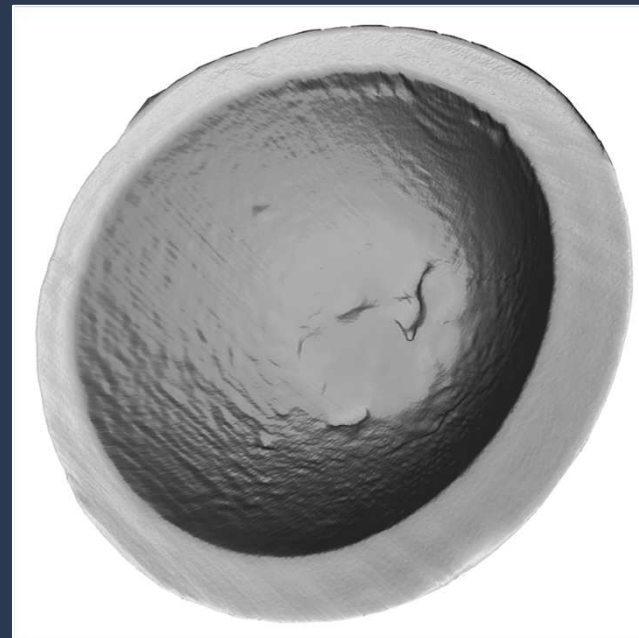




# Multiple Global Illumination Effects



Wax Bowl



Inter-reflections +  
Subsurface Scattering

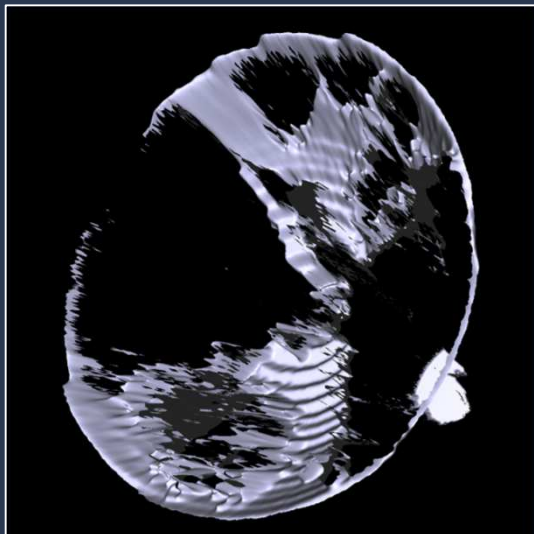


# Shiny Metallic Lamp

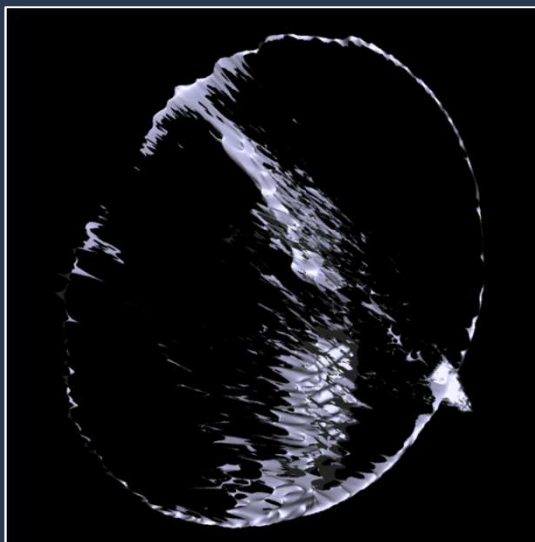


Strong and high-frequency inter-reflections

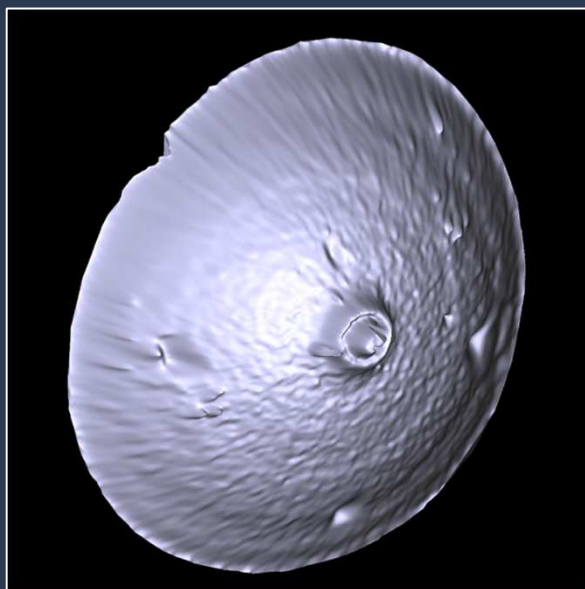




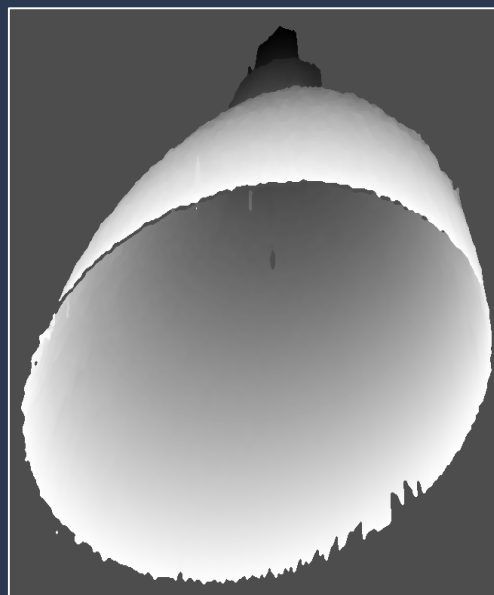
Regular Gray Codes



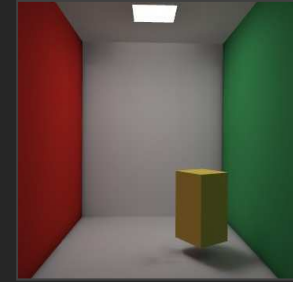
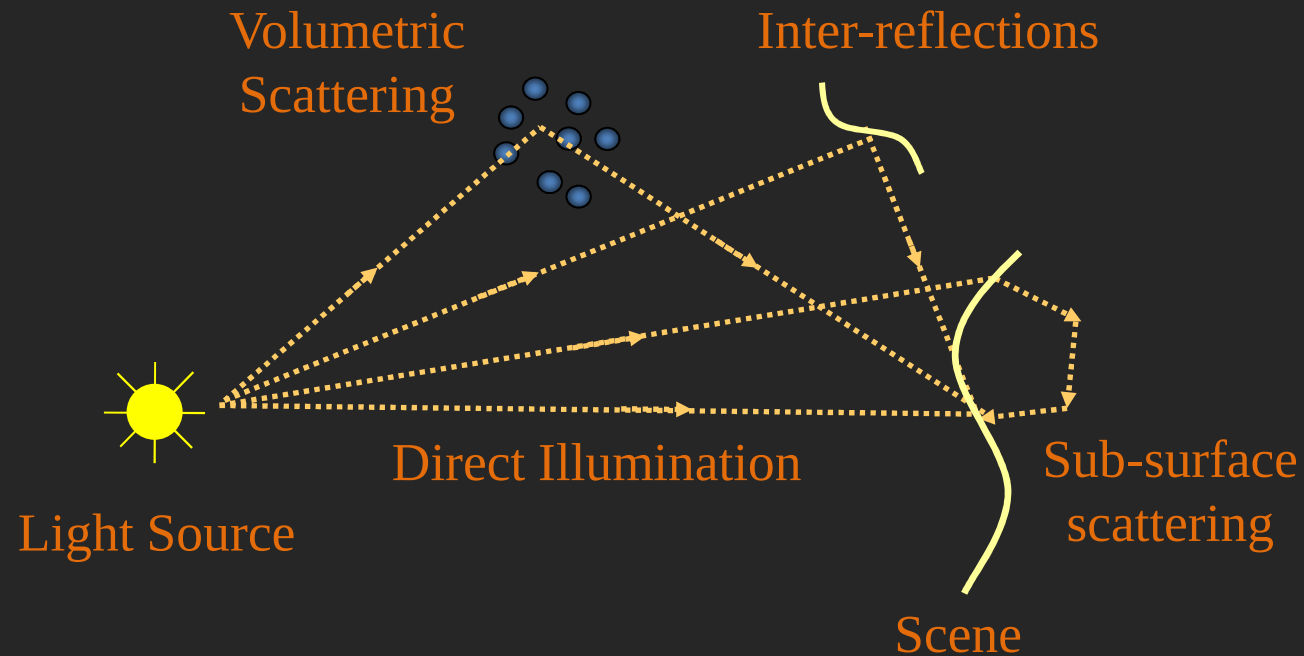
Modulated Phase Shifting



Ours



# Light Transport

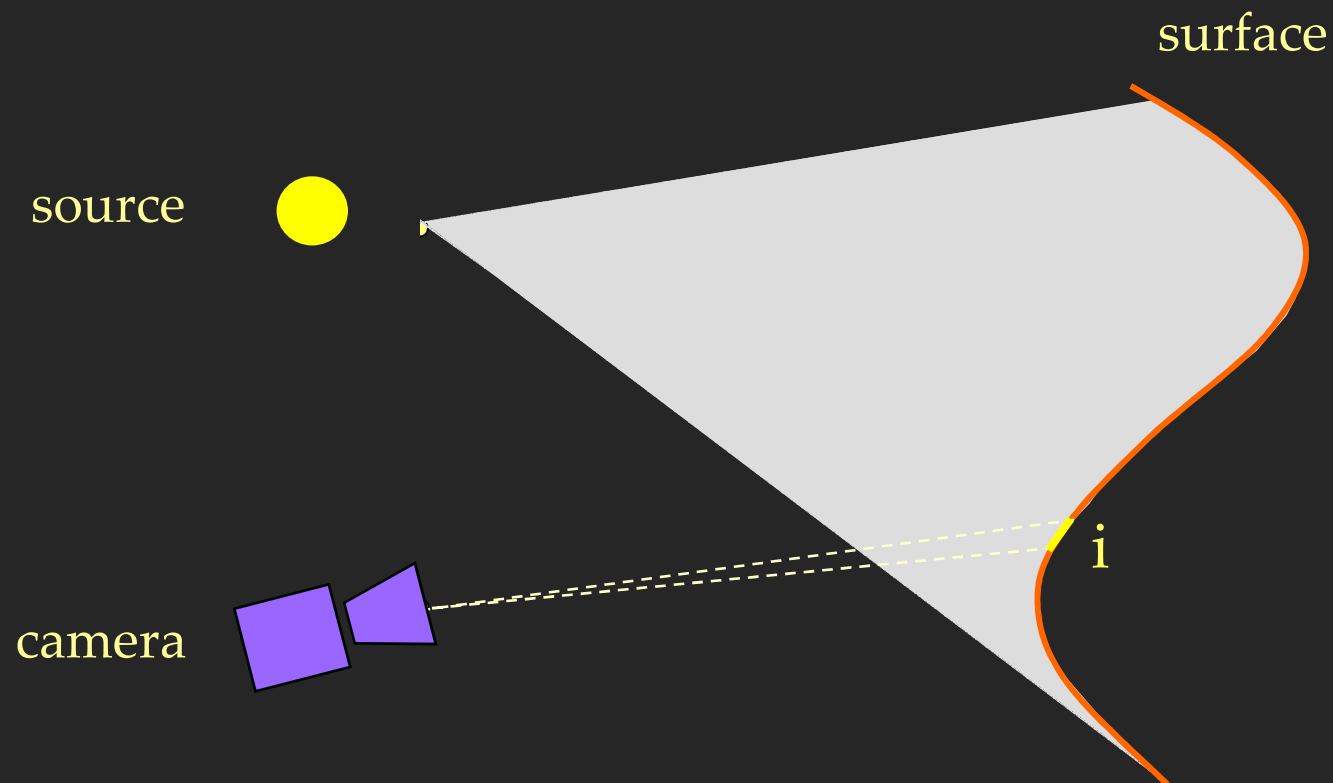




# Direct Global Separation

- Separate direct and global components using high frequency illumination
  - Nayar et al. SIGGRAPH 2006
- Use only the direct component for shape estimation

# Point Light Source Illuminating the Scene

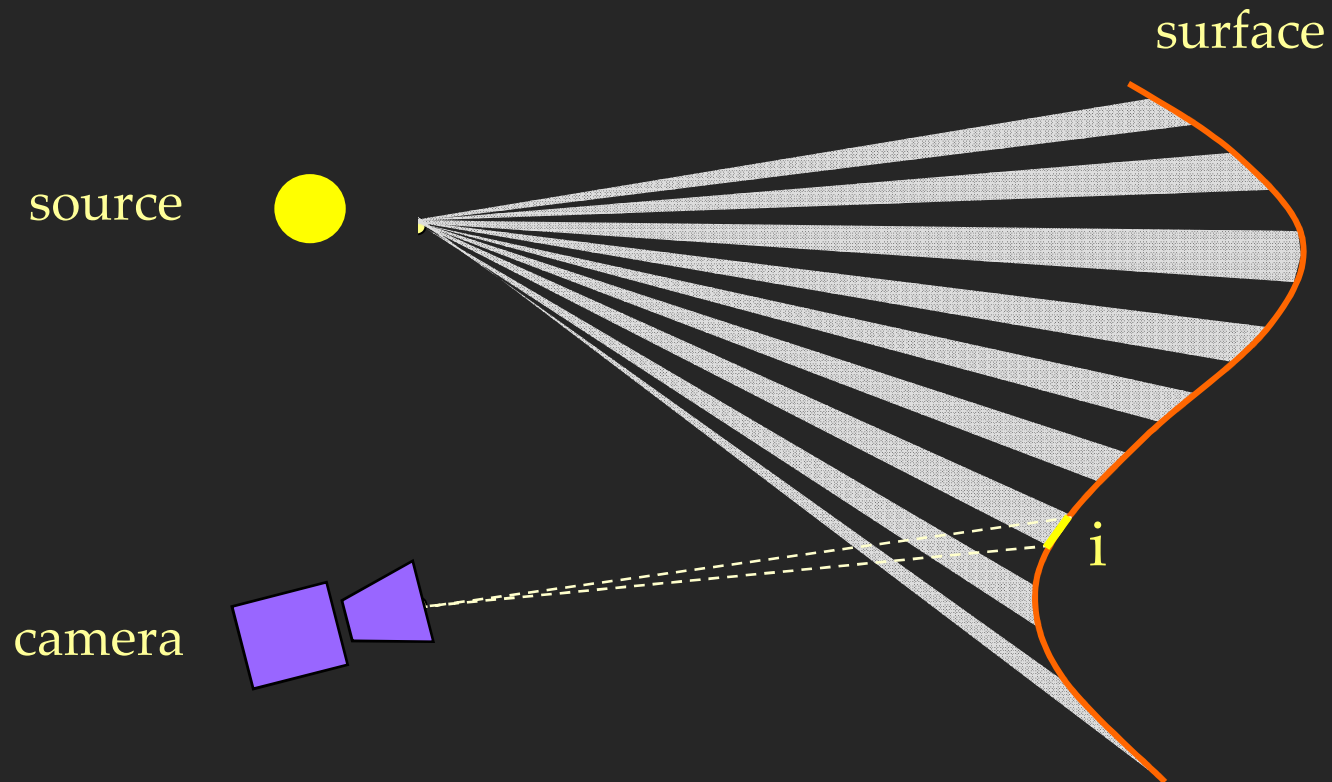


$$L[i] = L_d[i] + L_g[i]$$

Direct  
Component

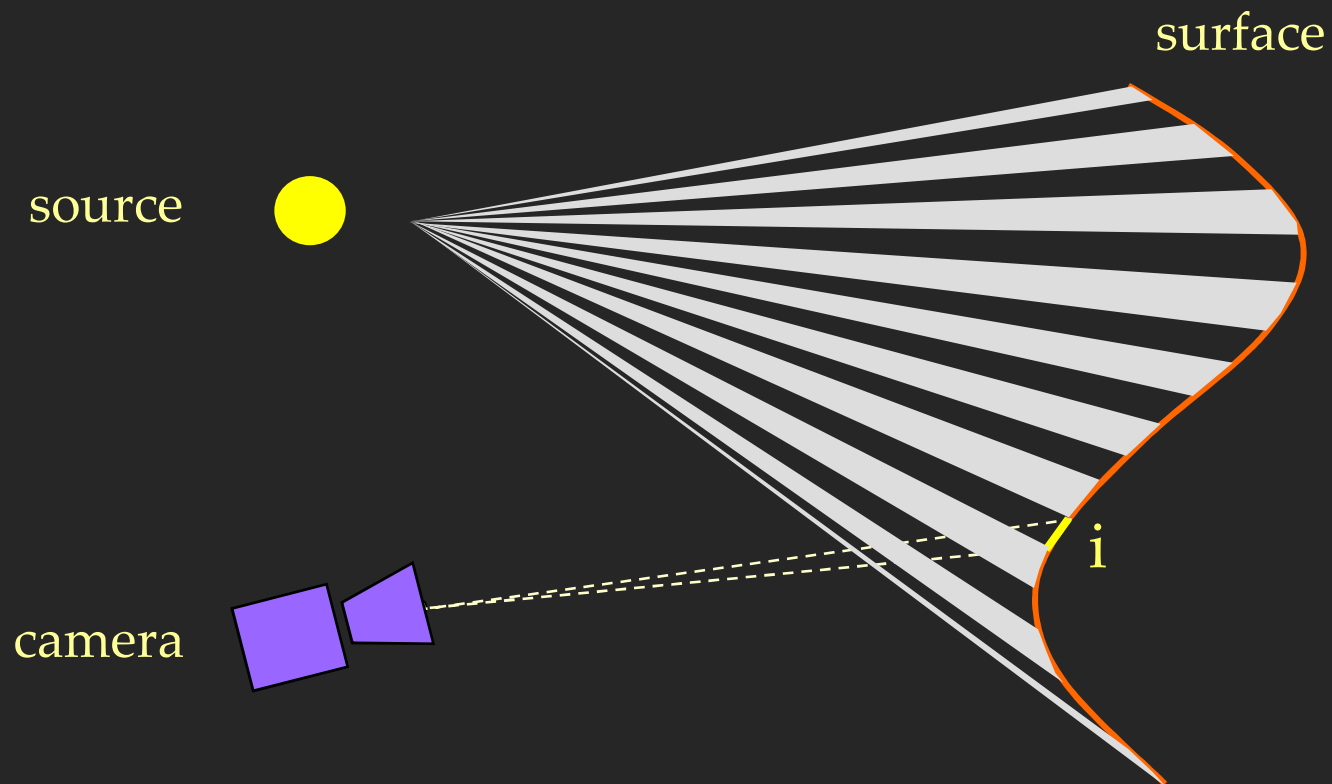
Global  
Component

# Under High-Frequency Illumination



$$L_+[i] = L_d[i] + 0.5 L_g[i]$$





$$L_{+}[i] = L_d[i] + 0.5 L_g[i]$$

$$L_{-}[i] = 0.5 L_g[i]$$



# Direct Global Separation

- Use only the direct component for shape estimation
- Several Issues
  - Estimating direct component is difficult
    - Requires lots of images
    - Global component depends on projected pattern for SL
  - SNR issues when direct component is small

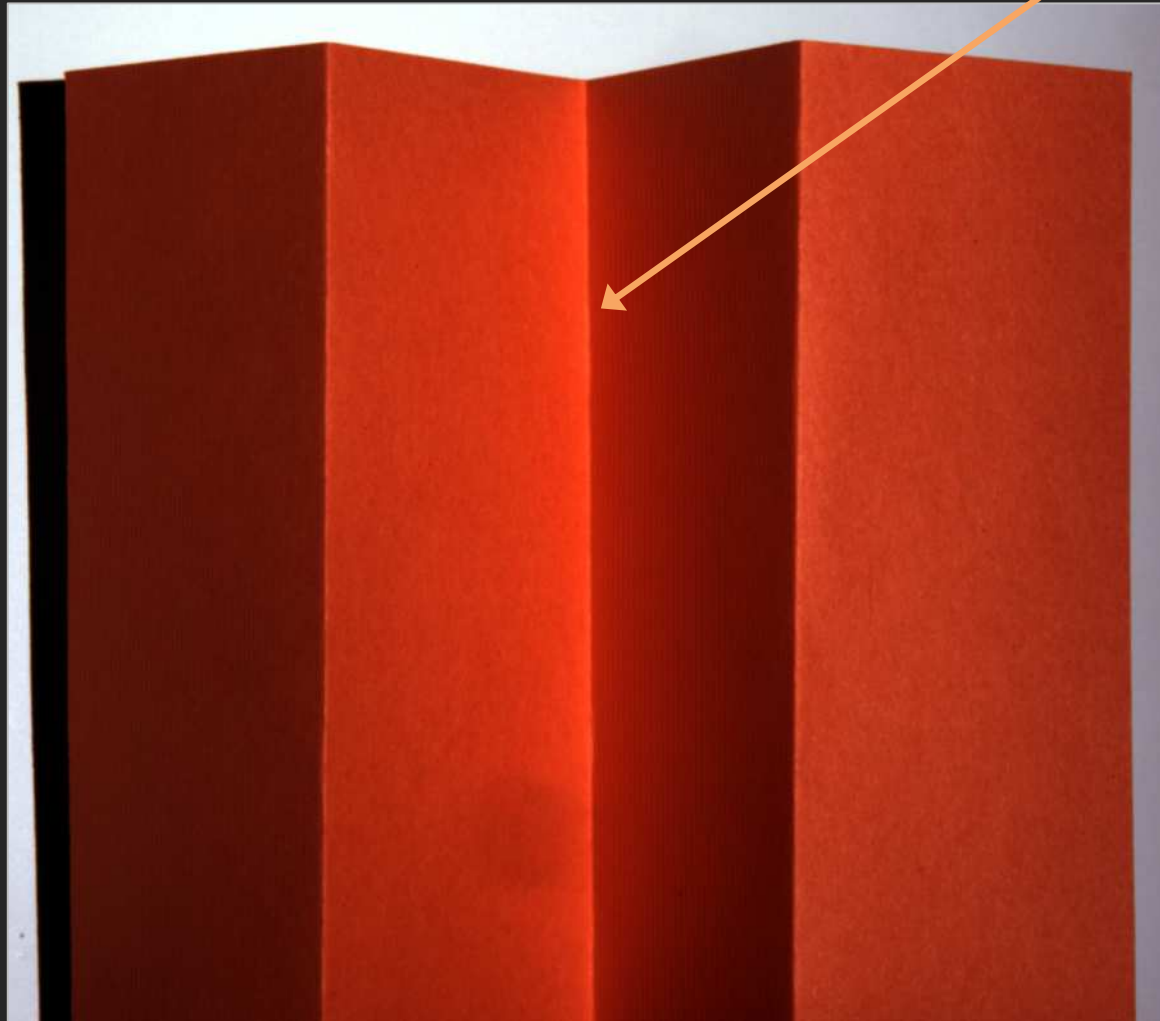


## Key Idea

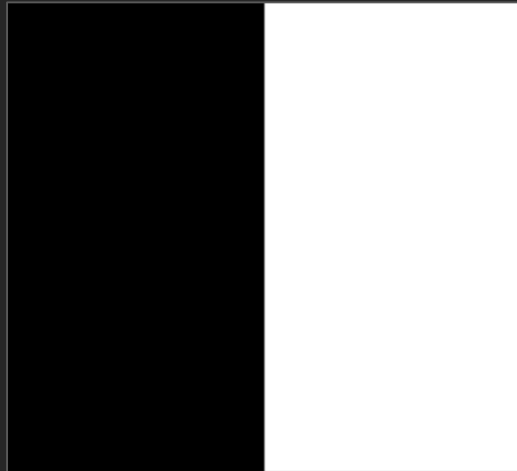
- Direct-Global separation is NOT required for Structured Light (SL)
  - SL only require correct binarization of patterns
- Design patterns with appropriate spatial frequencies
  - Minimize the decoding errors
  - Correct errors using multiple sets of patterns

# V-Groove Scene

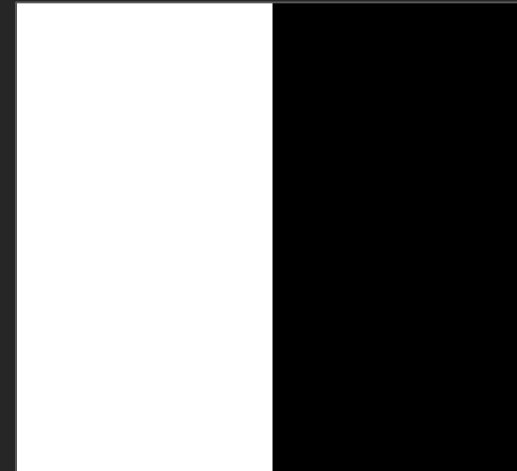
Inter-reflections



# Conventional Gray codes

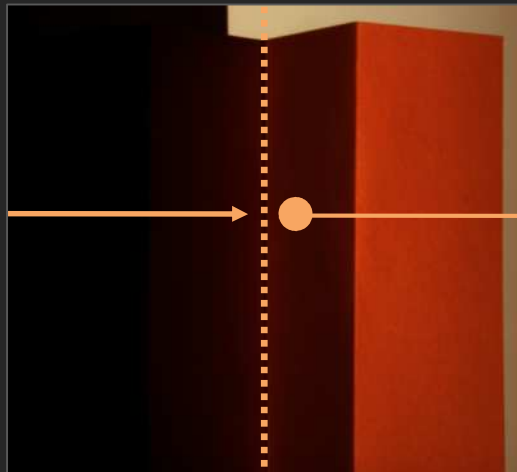


Low frequency pattern

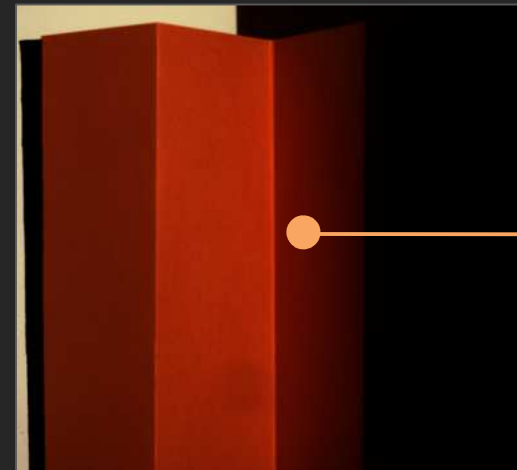


Inverse Pattern

Pattern  
Edge



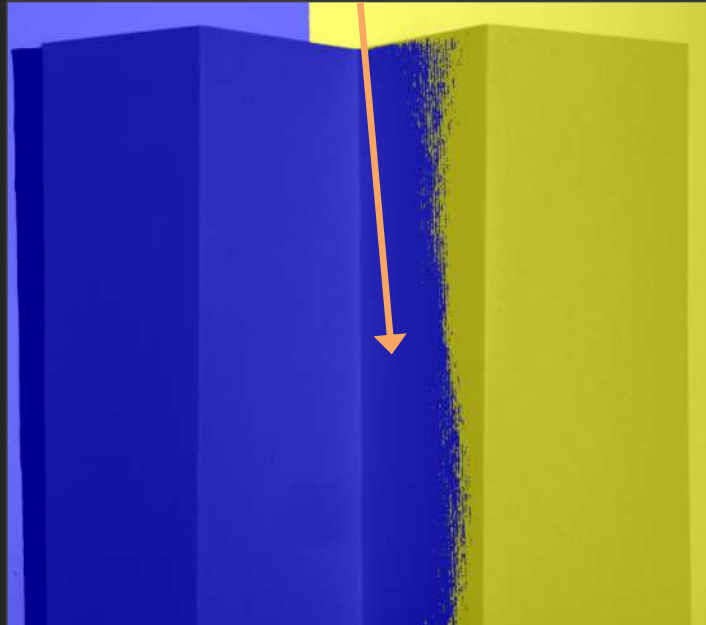
Captured Image



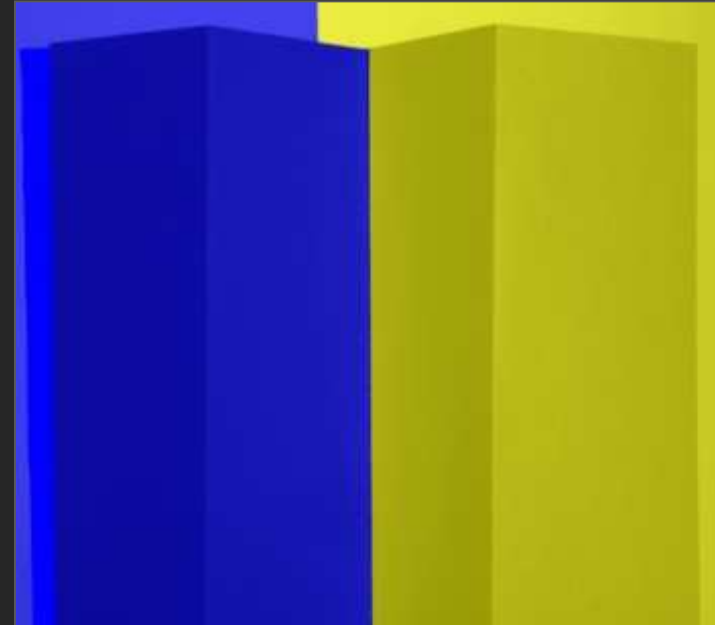
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# Binarization error

Errors due to inter-reflections



Incorrect Binarization

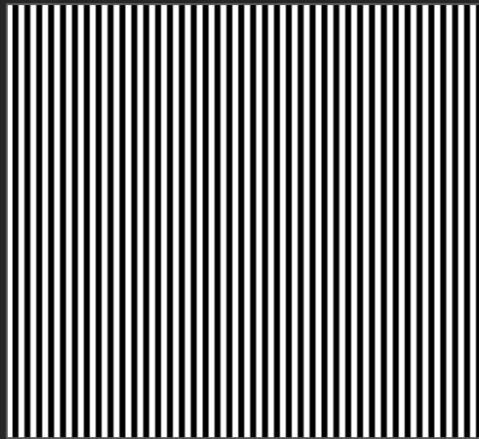


Ground-truth Binarization

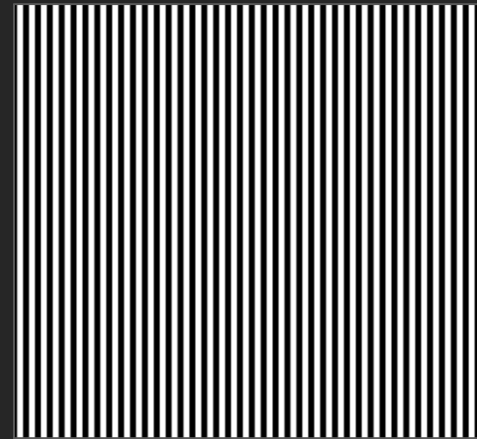
■ One (illuminated)    ■ Zero (not-illuminated)



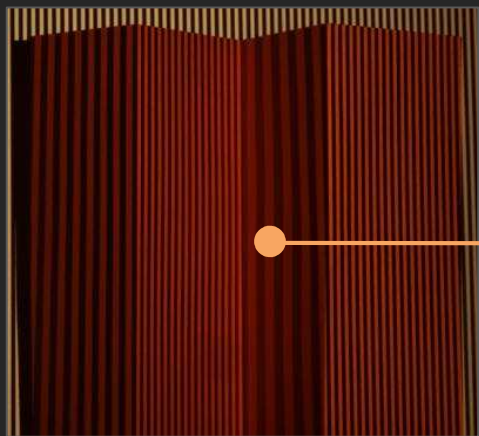
# Binarization for high-frequency pattern



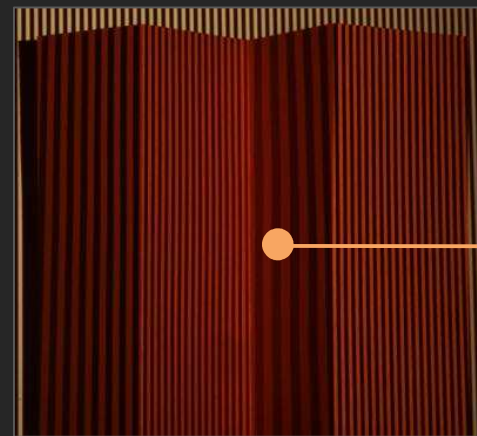
Pattern



Inverse Pattern



Captured Image

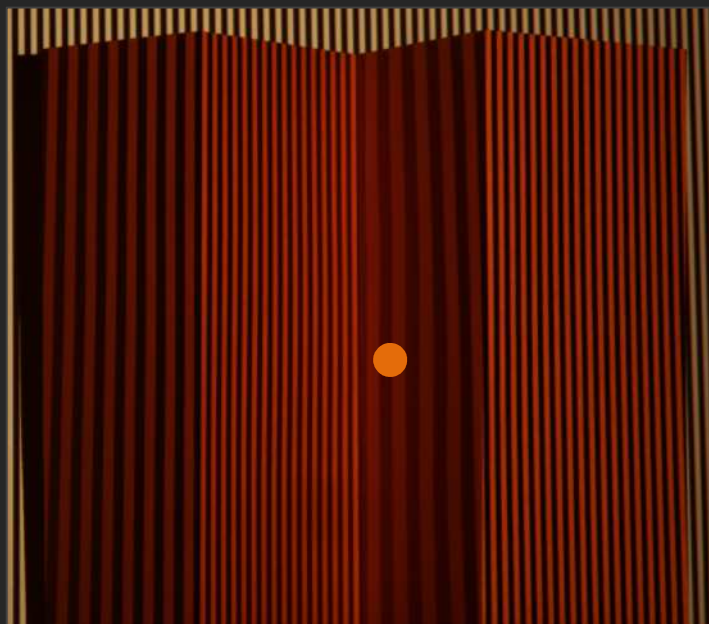


Captured Image

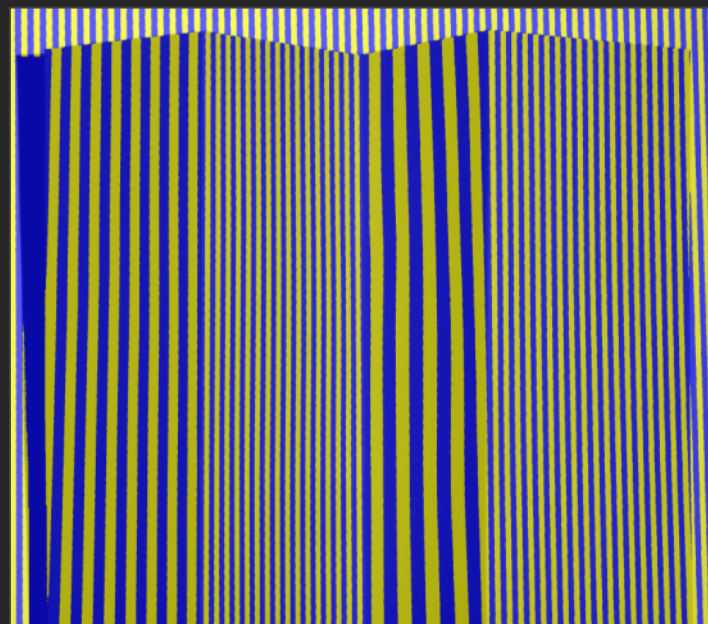
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$$I = \text{Direct} + 0.5 \text{ Global} > \bar{I} = 0.5 \text{ Global}$$

# High-frequency Patterns are Decoded Correctly



Captured Image



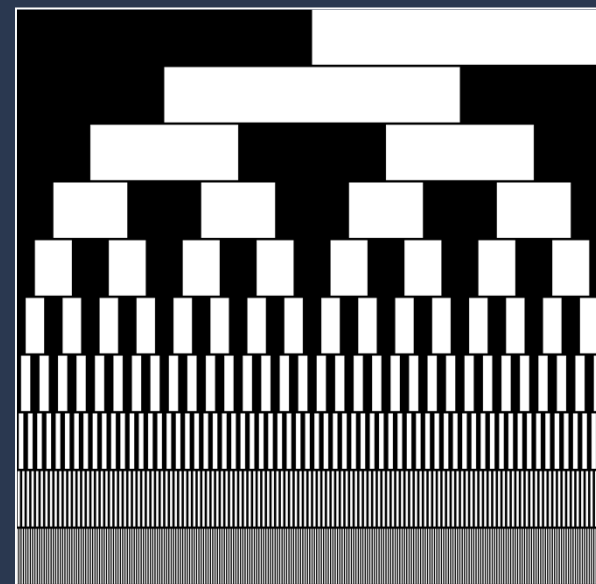
Binary Decoding

Require High Frequency Patterns for Inter-reflections



# Structured Light Decoding

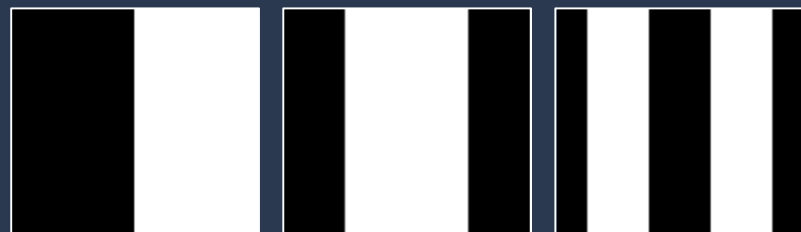
- Can we design **decodable** patterns with only high frequencies?
- Use XOR function
  - Invertible



Conventional Gray Codes

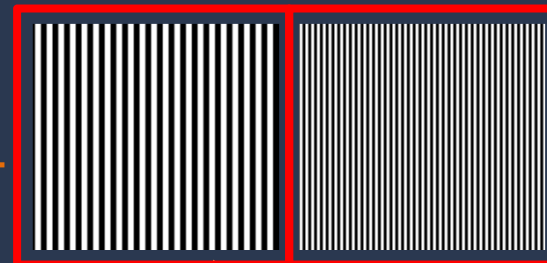


# Making the Logical XOR Codes



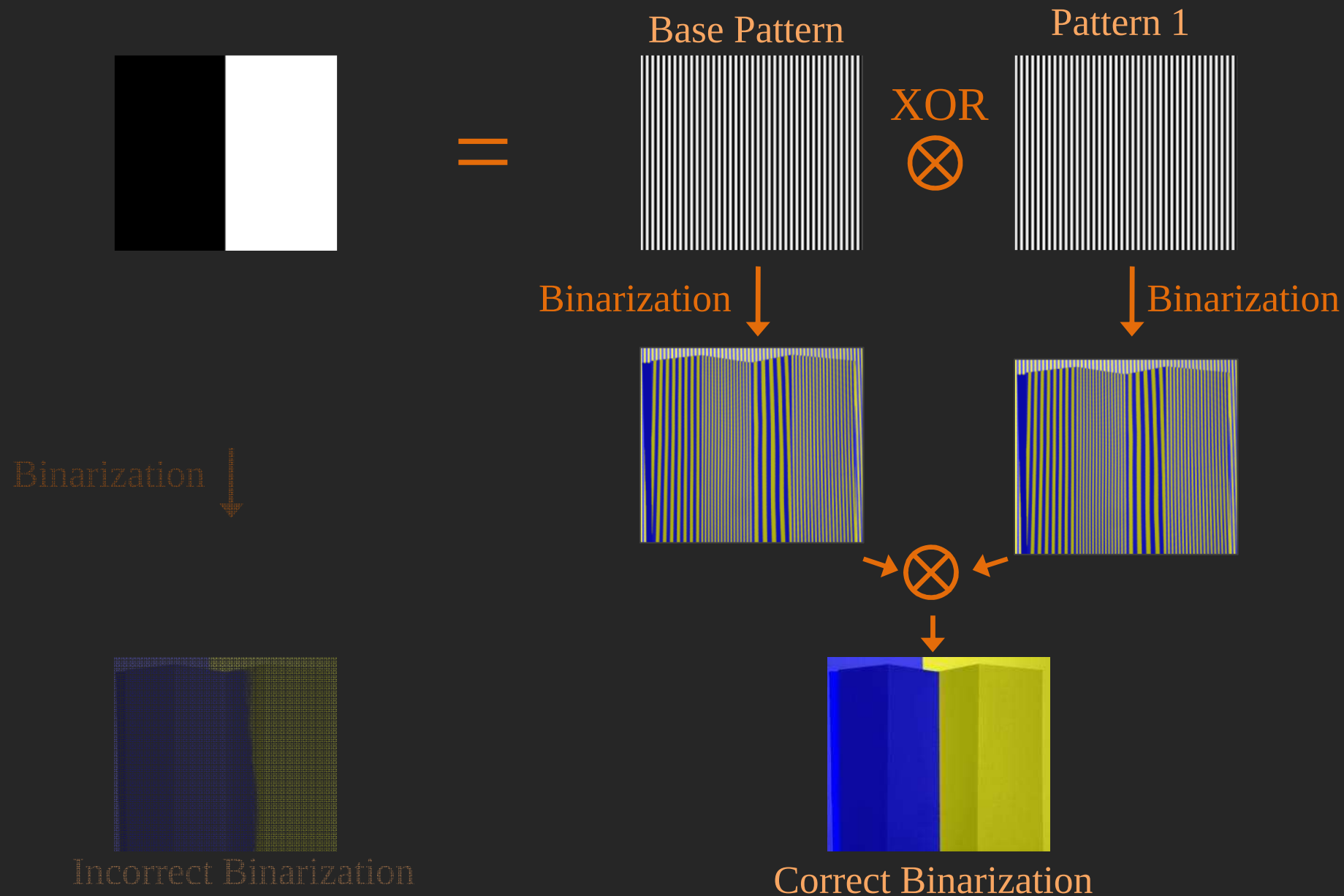
Conventional Gray Codes (10 patterns)

Base PlaneBase Plane



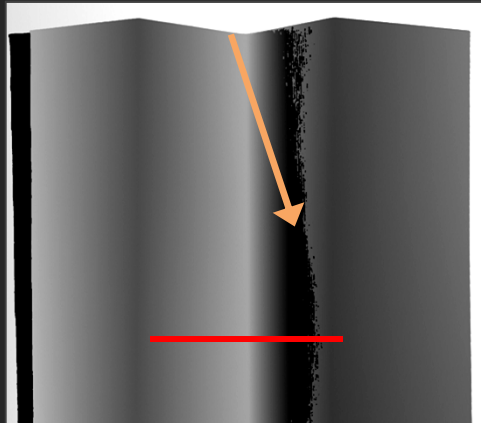
*XOR of Second-last Pattern with Patterns 1-8 → XOR-04 Codes (10 patterns)*

# Logical Coding and Decoding

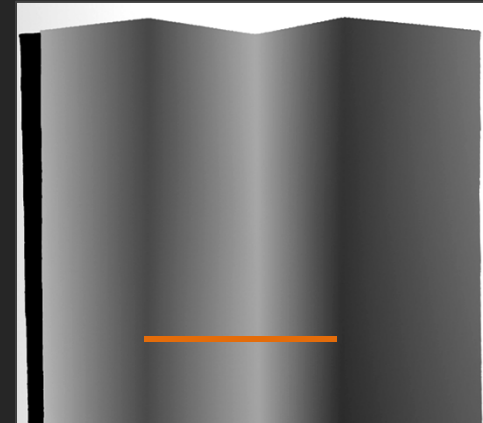


# Depth Map Comparison

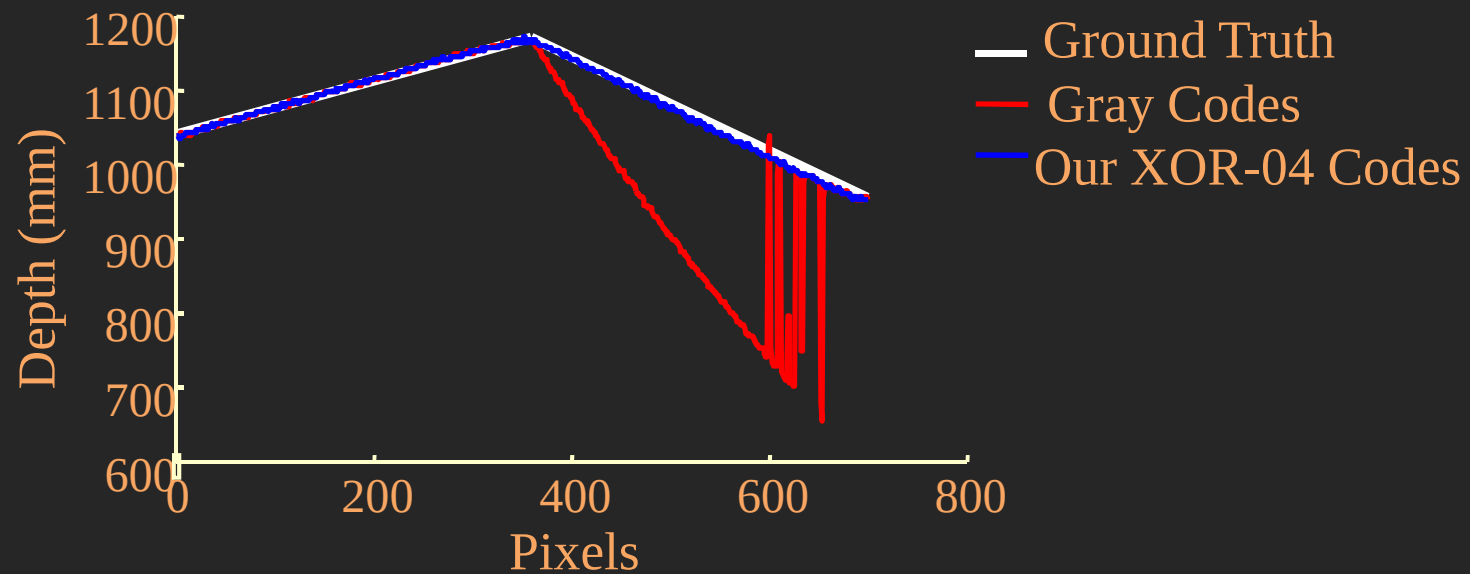
Errors due to Inter-reflections



Conventional Gray Codes (11 images)

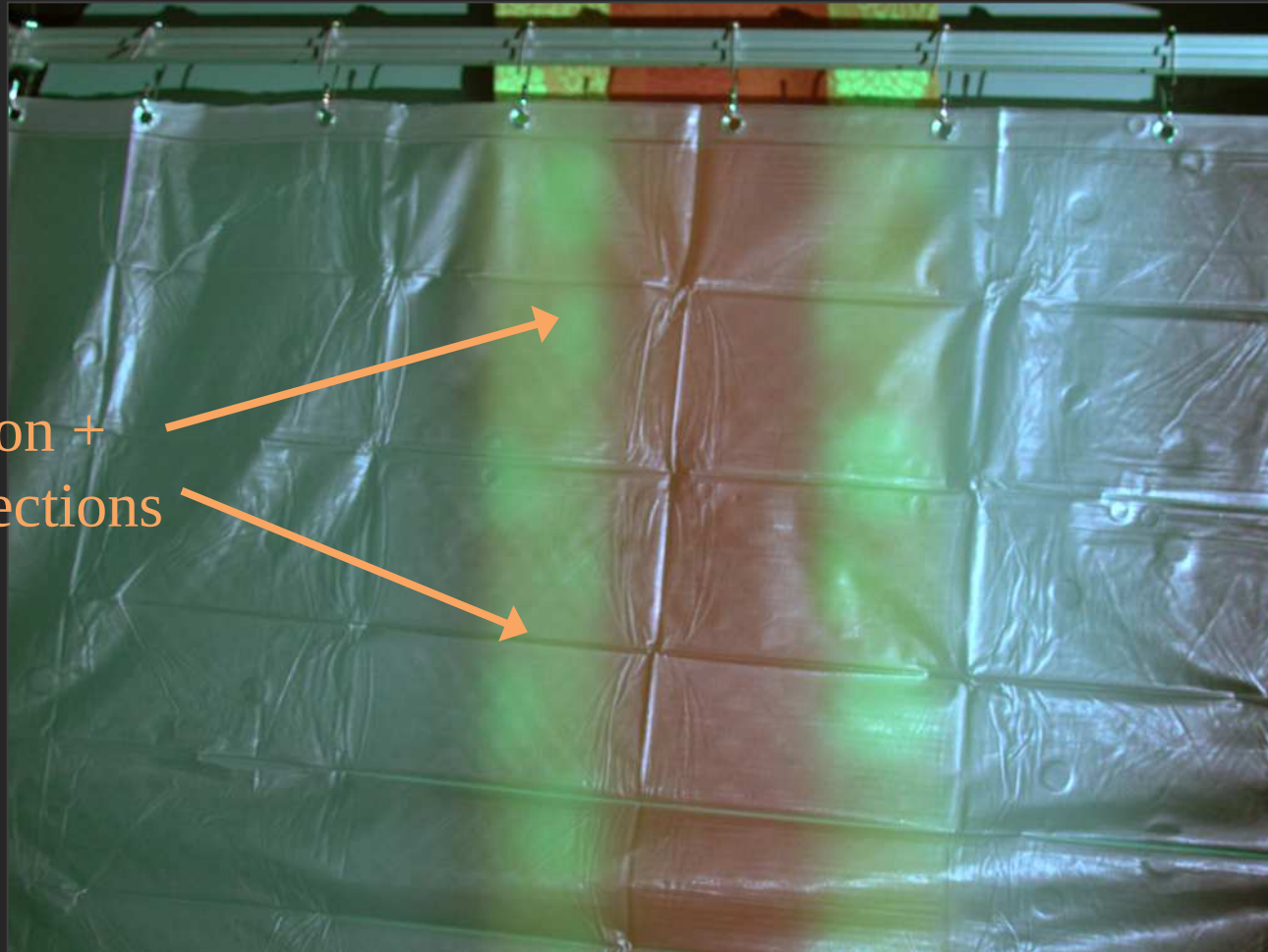


Our XOR-04 Codes (11 images)



# Shower Curtain

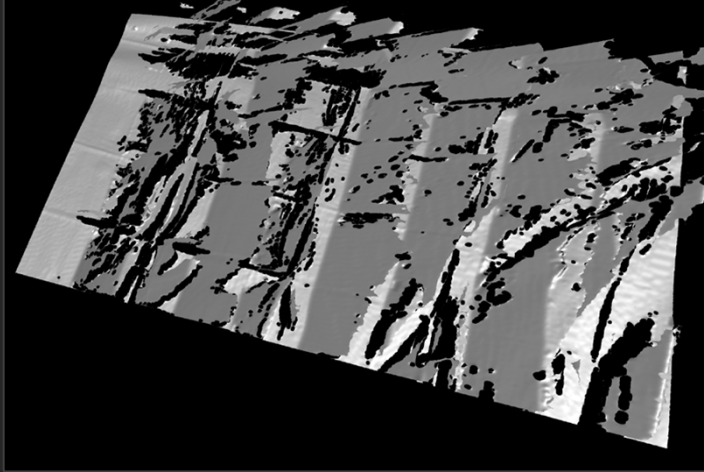
Diffusion +  
Inter-reflections



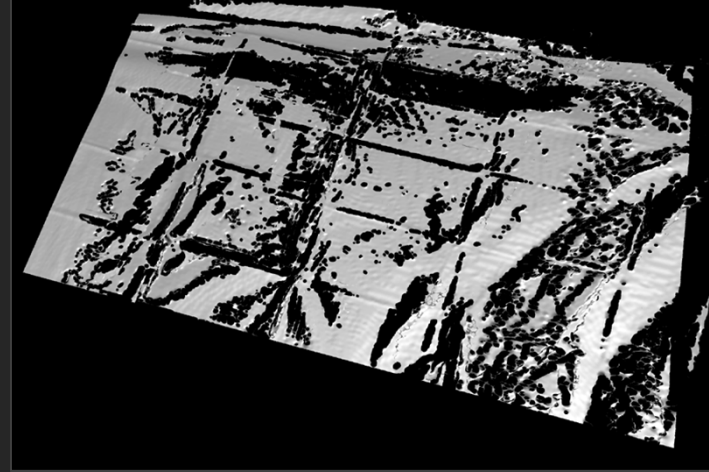
Goal is to reconstruct the shape of the shower-curtain. Shape of the curtain is planar because it was taped to the rod to avoid movement while capture.



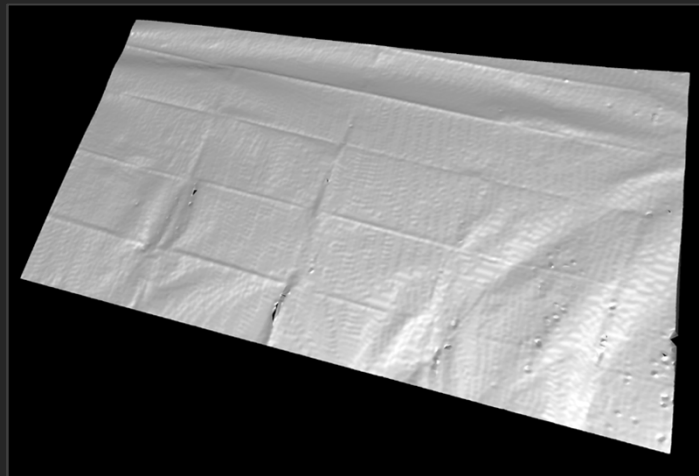
# Shape Comparisons



Regular Gray Codes (11 images)

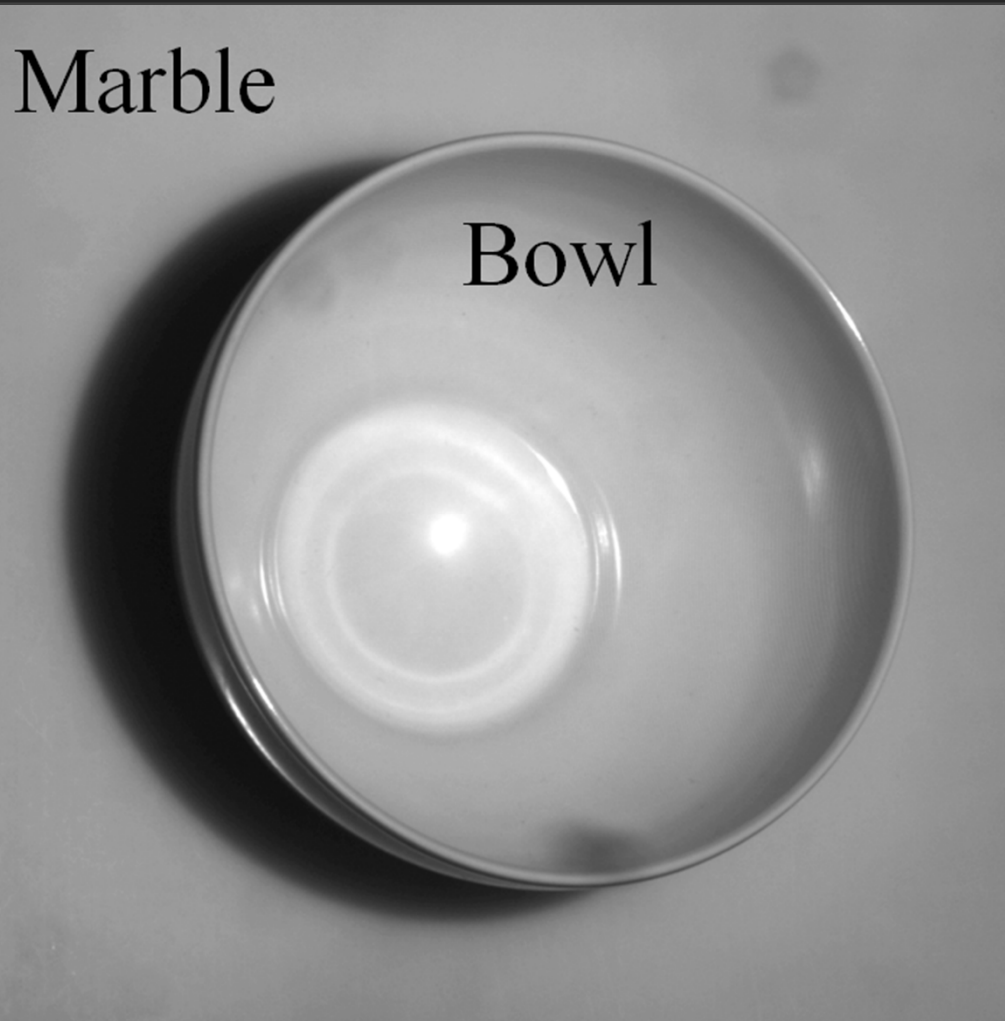


Phase-Shifting (18 images)



Our XOR Codes (11 images)

# Bowl on a Marble Slab



# Captured images under conventional Gray codes

Lowest Frequency  
Illumination



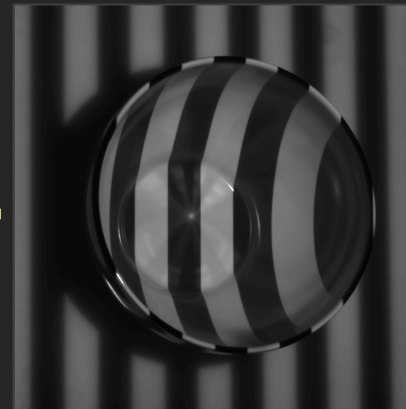
Highest Frequency  
Illumination



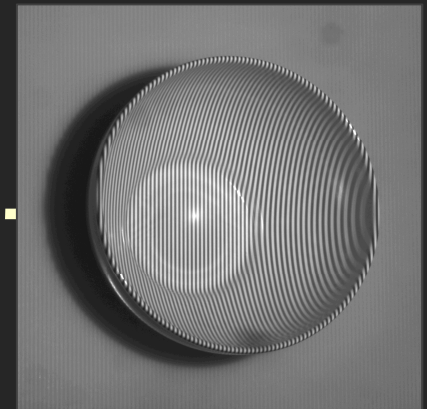
Pattern 1



Pattern 4

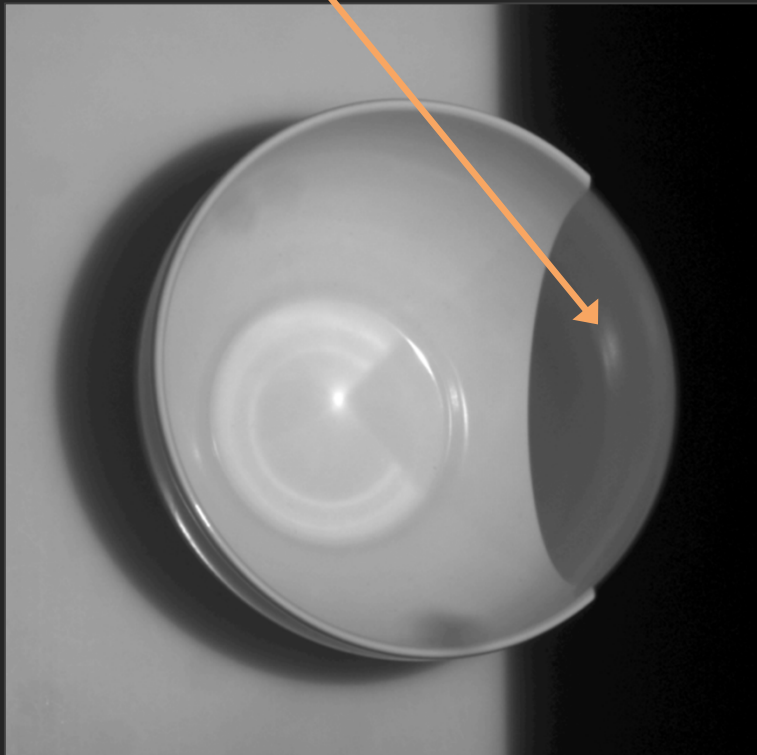


Pattern 7



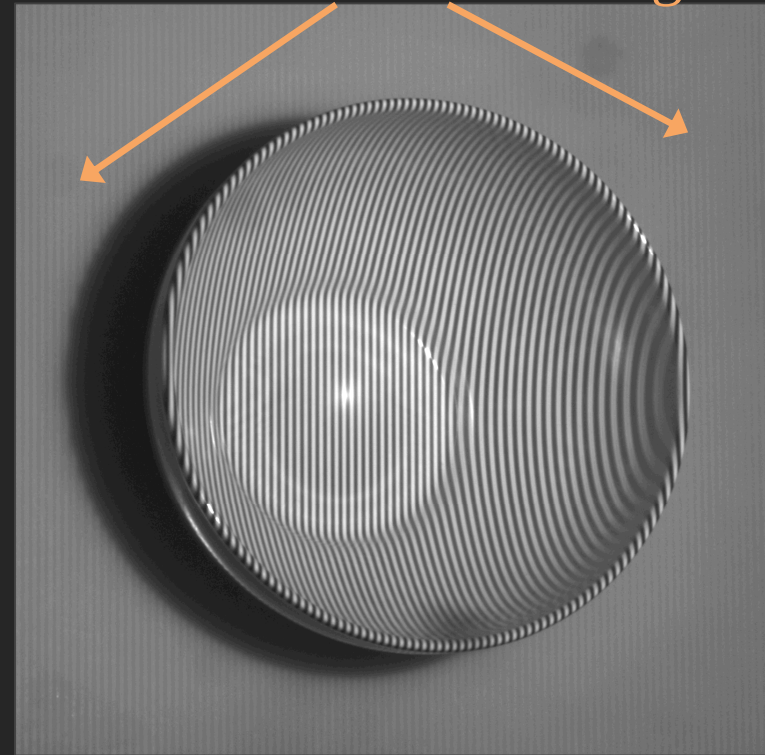
Pattern 10

Strong Inter-reflections



Low-frequency pattern

Blurring due to  
Sub-surface Scattering



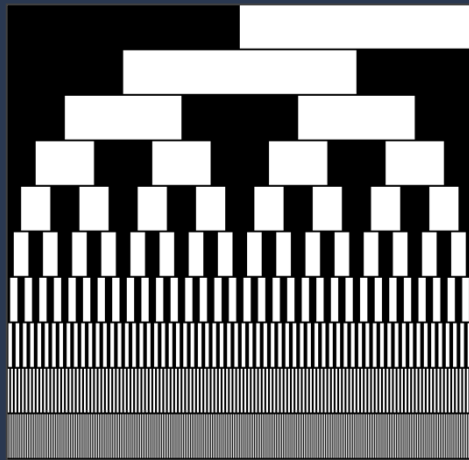
High-frequency pattern

Require Low Frequency Patterns for Subsurface Scattering!!

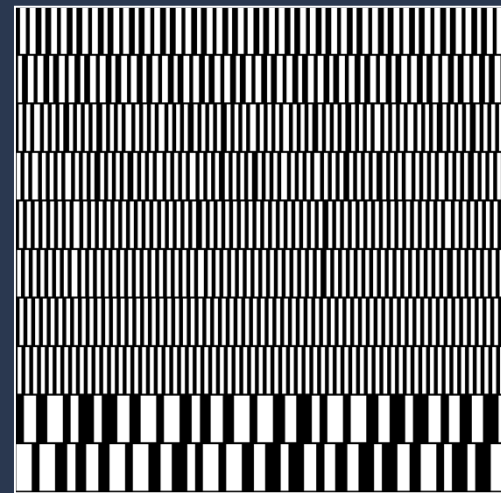


# Spatial Frequency of Patterns

- Conventional gray codes have both high frequency and low frequency patterns



Conventional GrayCodes

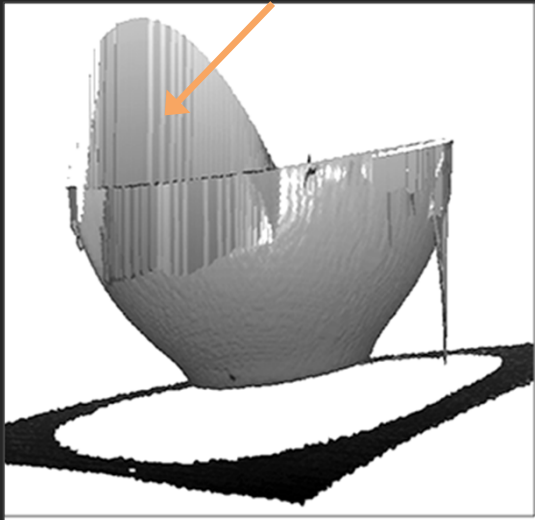


Max min-stripe-width Gray Code

- Can we design gray codes with minimal frequency variations?
  - Research problem in combinatorial algorithms
  - Several types of gray codes have been designed
  - E.g. balanced gray codes, maximum gap gray codes, non-composite gray codes etc

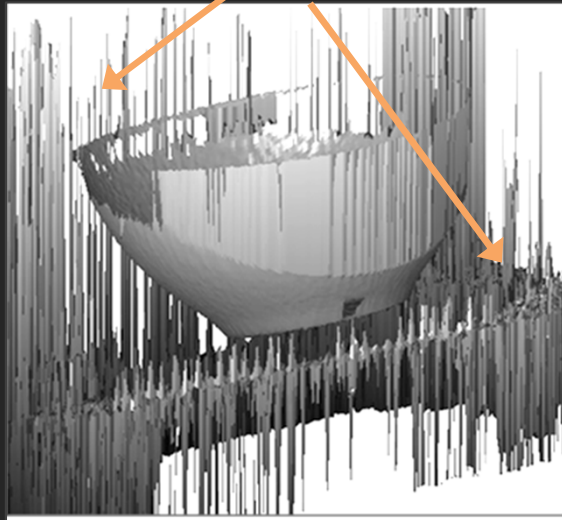
# 3D Visualizations

Errors due to  
Inter-reflections

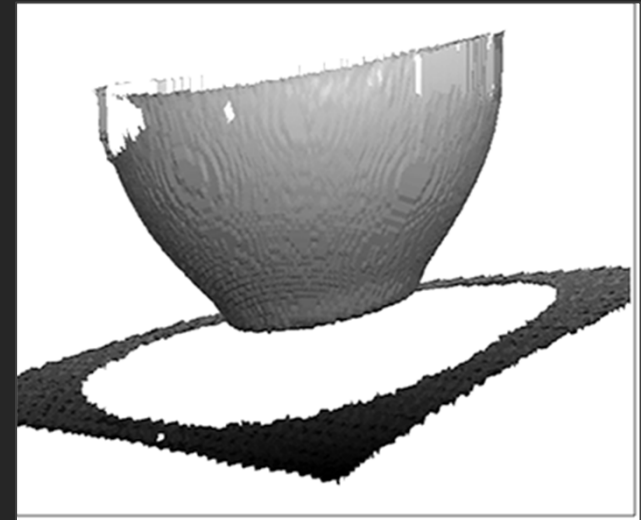


Conventional Gray

Errors due to sub-  
surface scattering

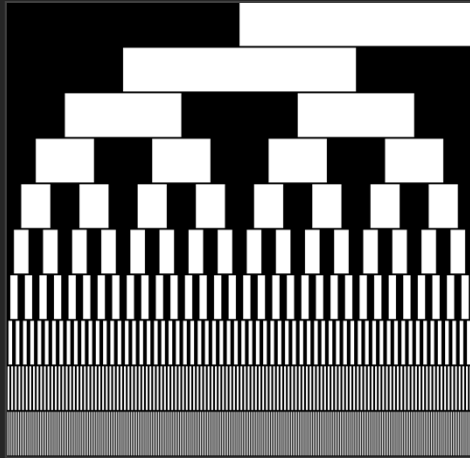


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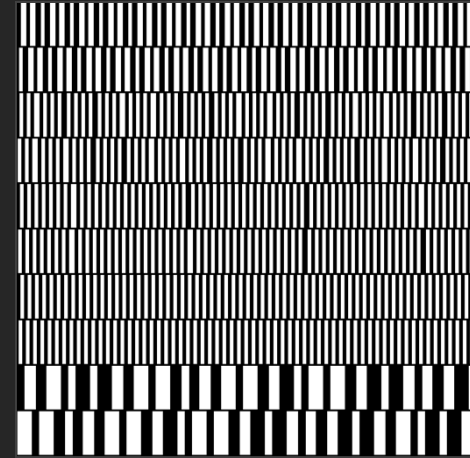


Our Technique

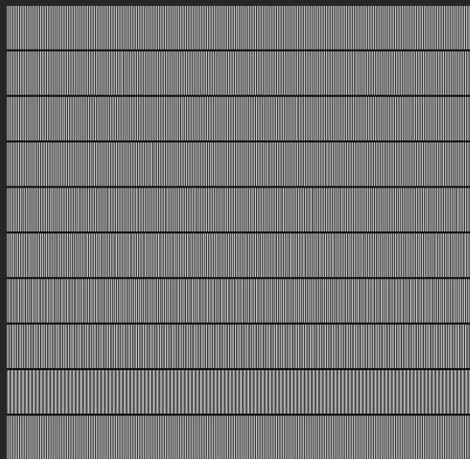
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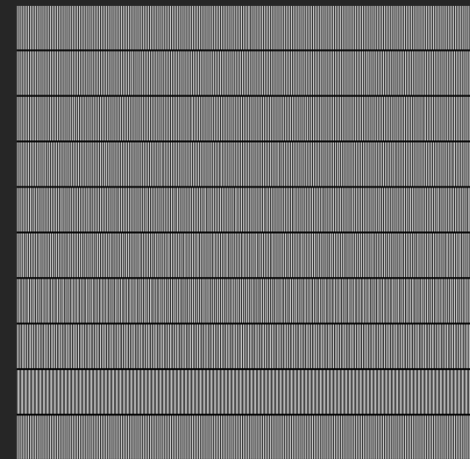
Conventional Gray (10 images)



Max min-SW Gray (10 images)



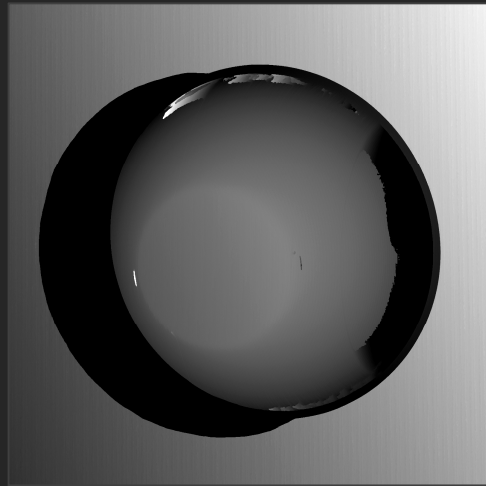
XOR-04 (10 images)



XOR-02 (10 images)



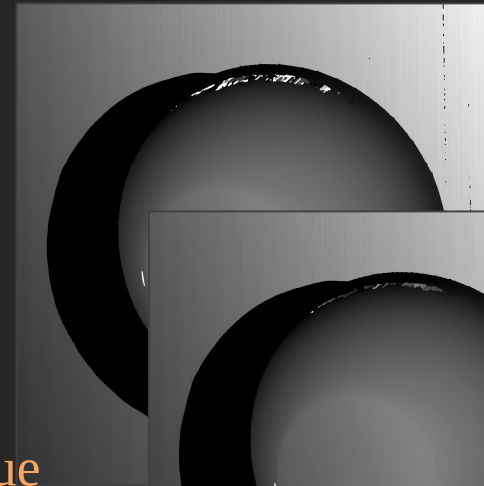
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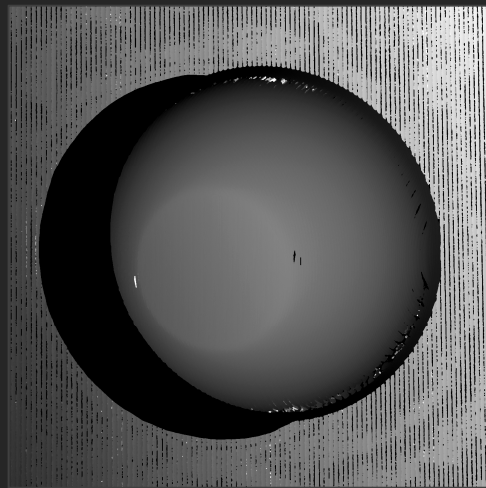
Conventional Gray (10 images)

Return the  
consistent value

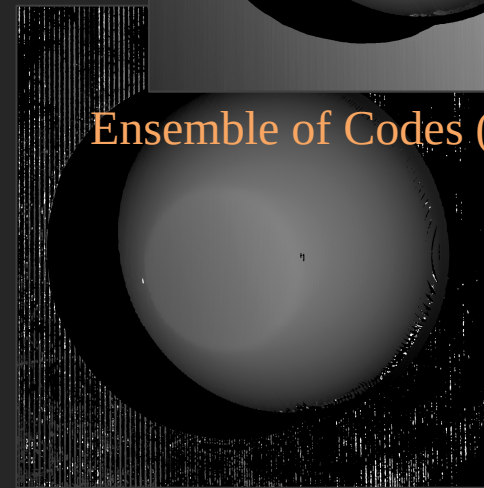
Max  $\rightarrow$  min



Ensemble of Codes (41 images)

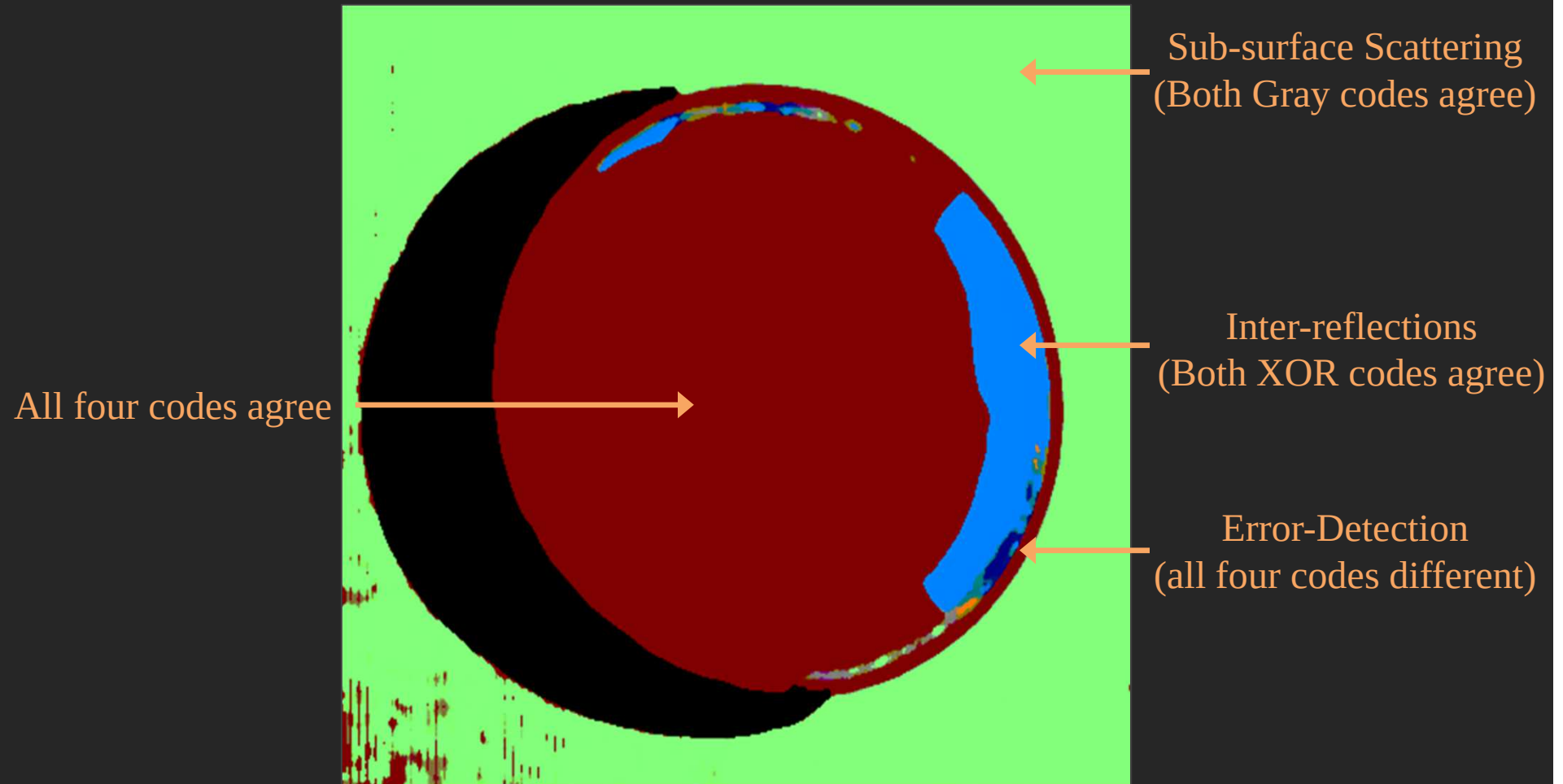


XOR-04 (10 images)



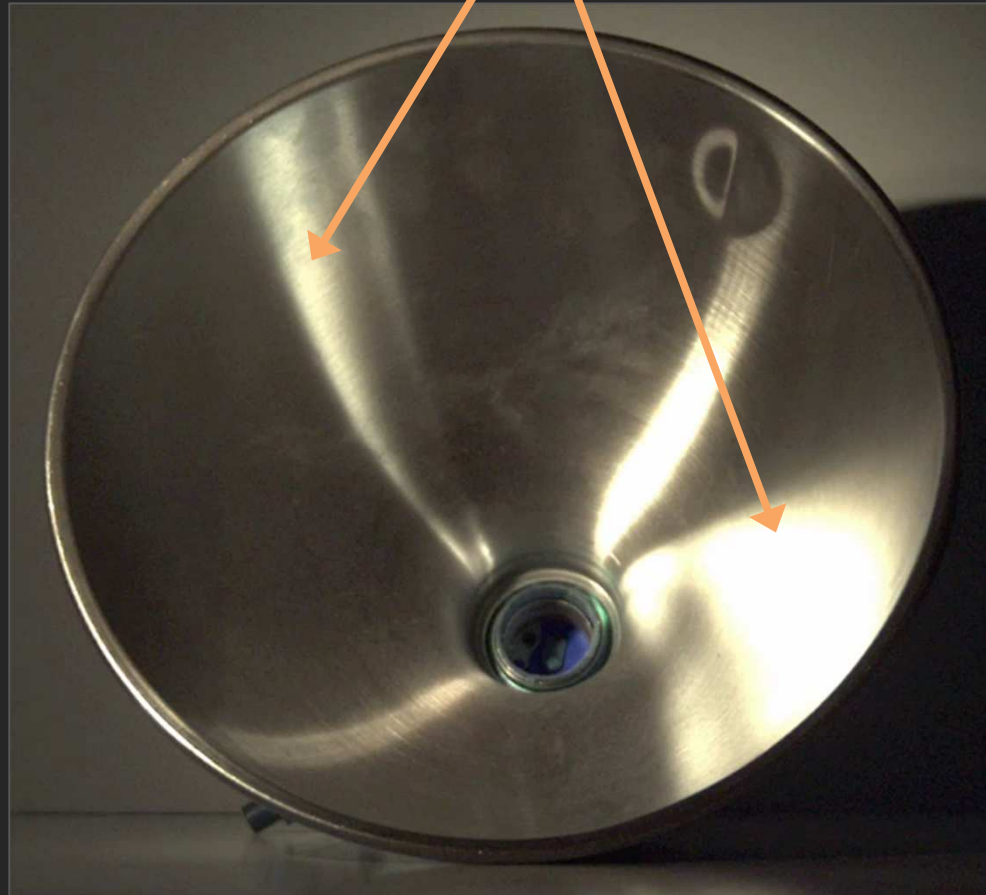
XOR-02 (10 images)

# Qualitative Light Transport Analysis



# Lamp made of shiny brushed metal

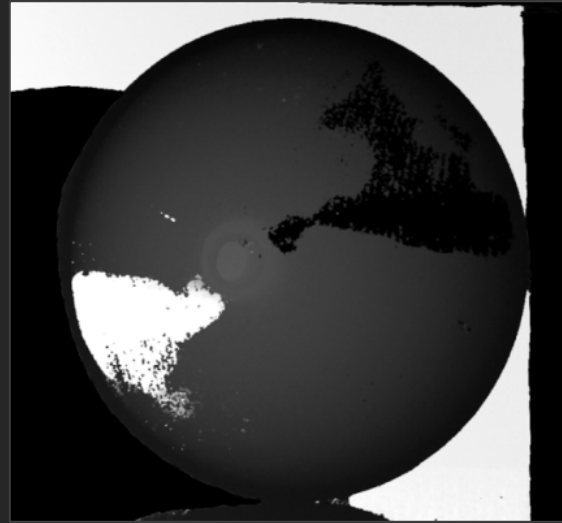
Strong and high-frequency inter-reflections



# Depth Map Comparison



Regular Gray (11 images)



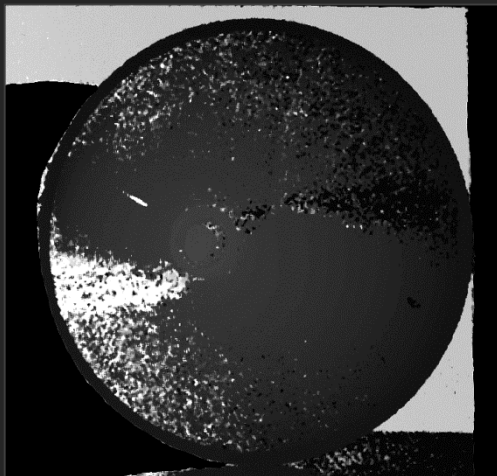
Our Ensemble Codes (41 images)

# Error detection and correction

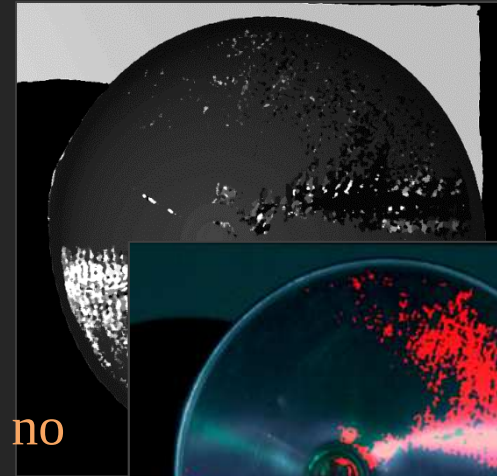
# Error Detection using Consistency Check



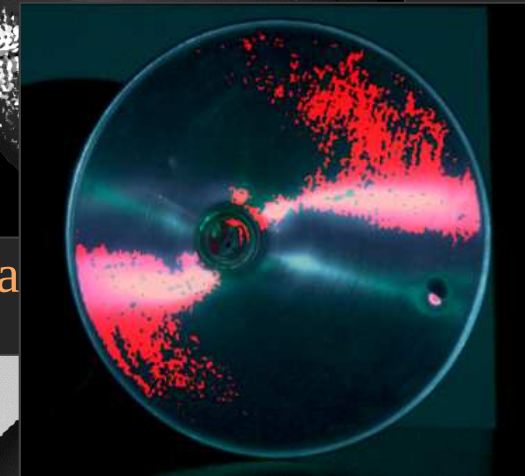
Conventional Gray



XOR04



Error map  
(Red pixels = Error)



XOR02

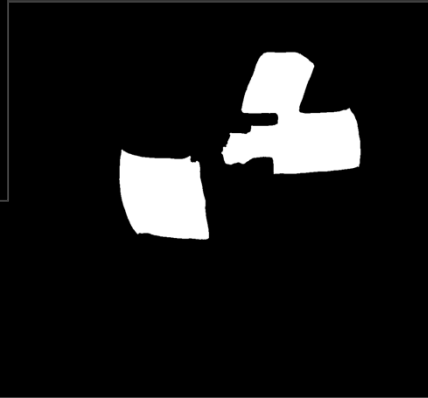
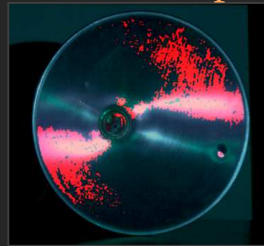
Declare error if no  
two codes agree

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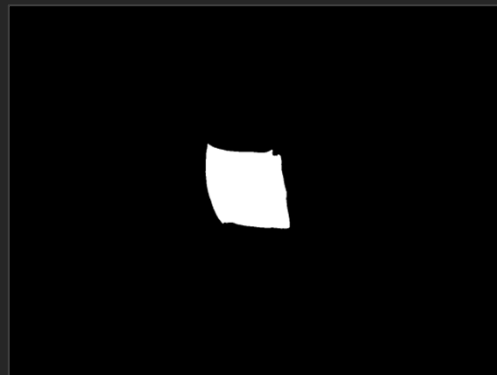
# Error Correction via Selective Illumination

[Xu et al' 2009]

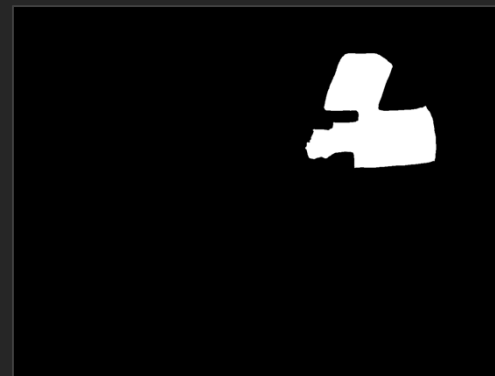
Error map



Illumination Mask



Illumination Mask  
(Iteration 2)

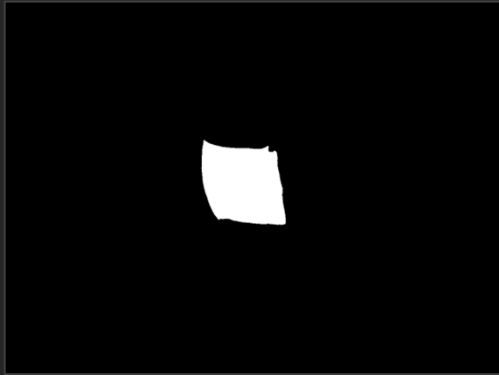


Illumination Mask  
(Iteration 3)

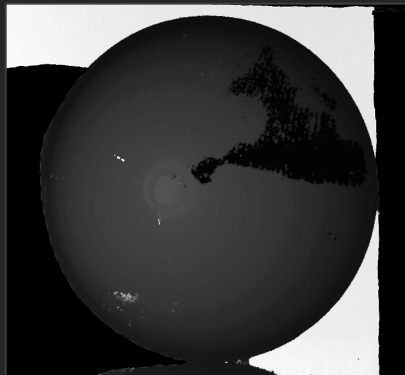


# Error Correction via Selective Illumination

Second Iteration (20 images)

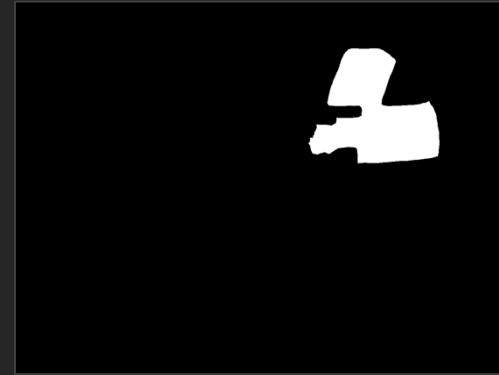


Illumination Mask

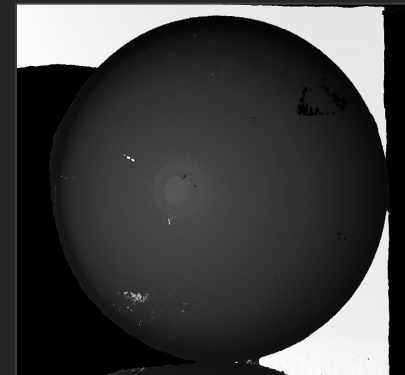


Depth Map (61 images)

Third Iteration (20 images)



Illumination Mask

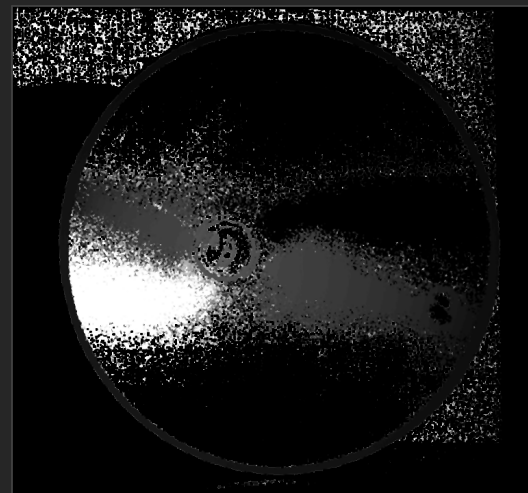


Depth Map (81 images)

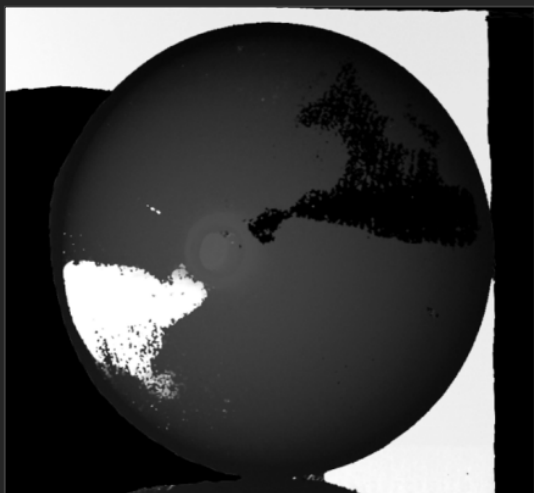
# Depth Map Comparison



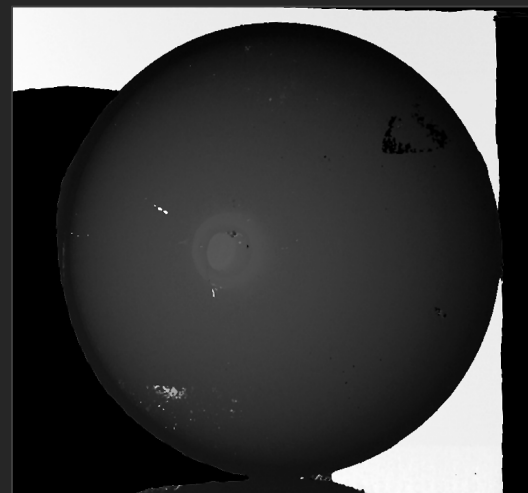
Regular Gray (11 images)



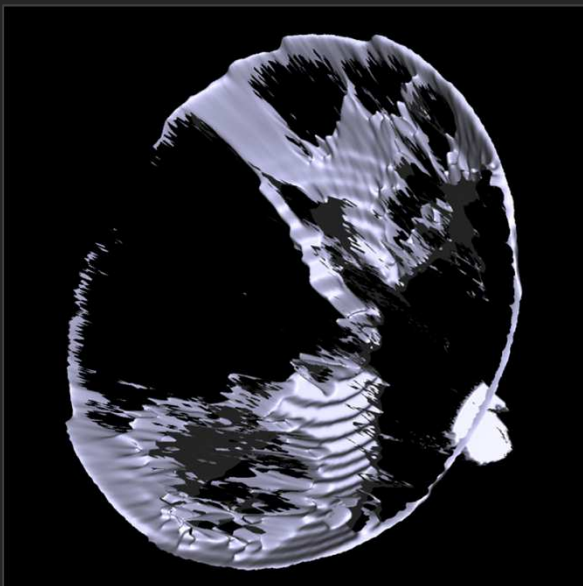
Modulated PS (162 images)



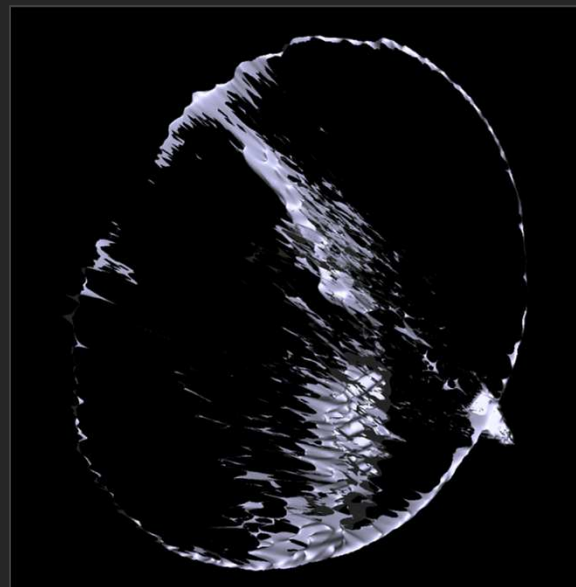
Our Ensemble Codes  
(41 images)



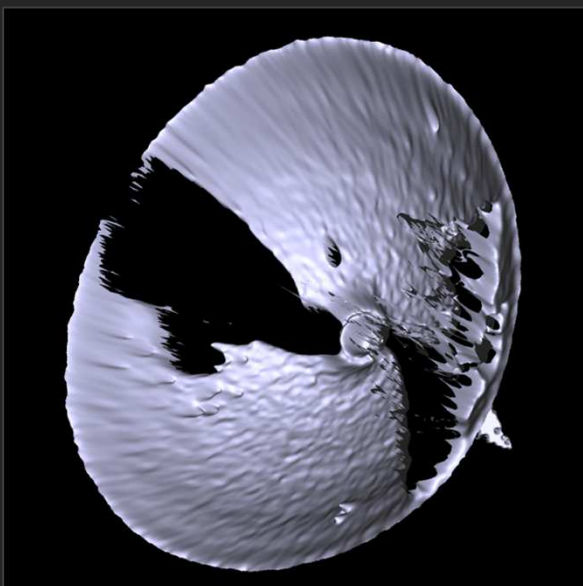
Error Correction: 2 extra  
iterations (81 images)



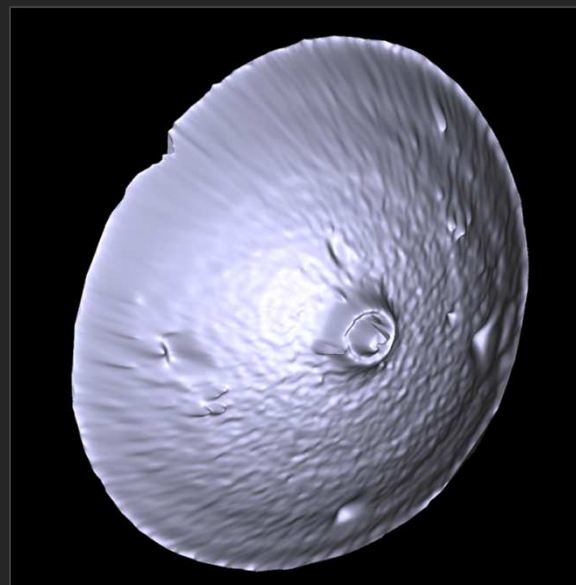
Regular Gray (11 images)



Modulated PS (162 images)



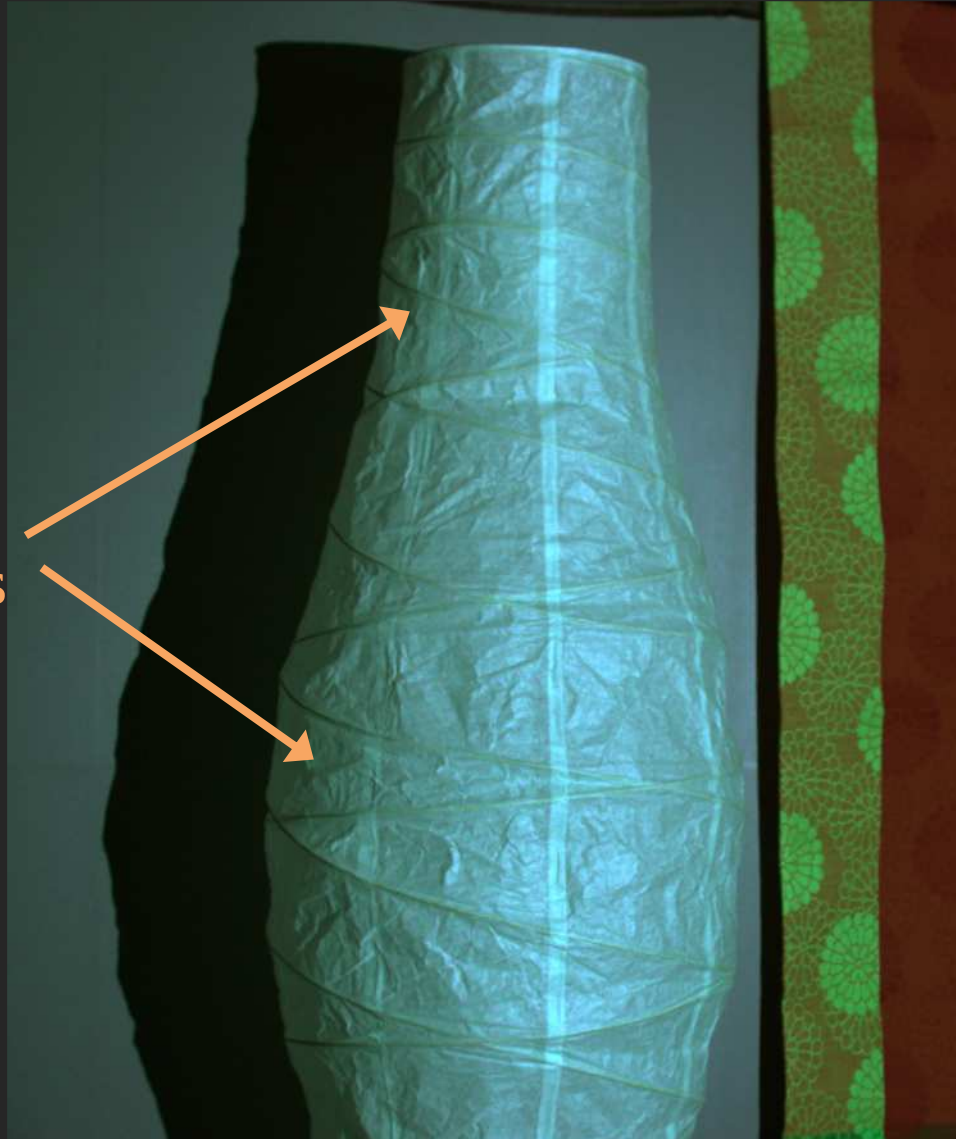
Ensemble Codes  
(41 images)



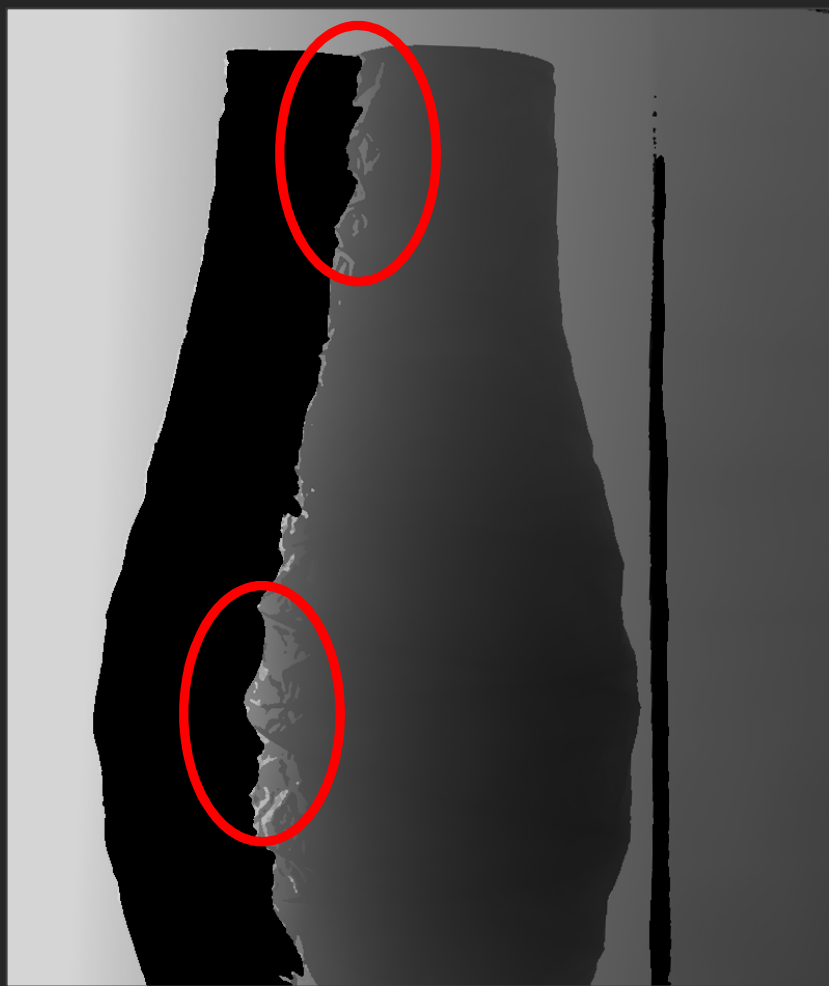
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# Ikea Lamp

Diffusion +  
Inter-reflections



# Depth-Map Comparison

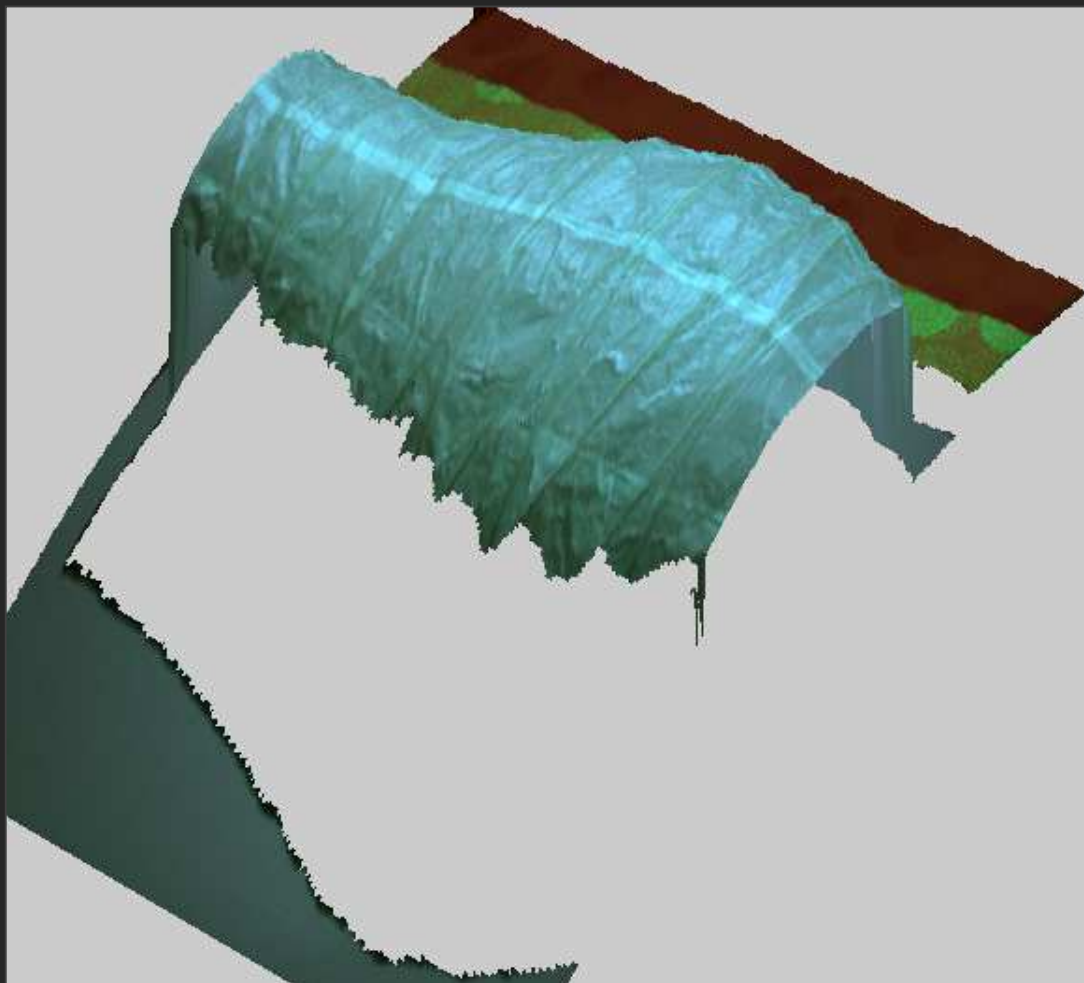


Regular Gray Codes (11 images)



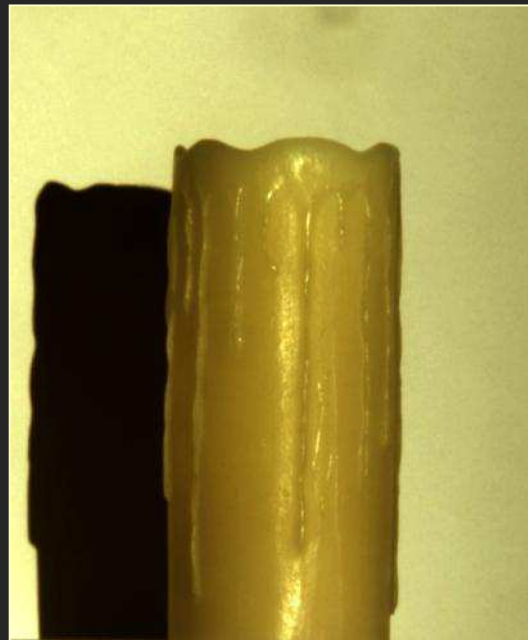
Our Ensemble Codes (41 images)

# 3D Visualization using our ensemble codes

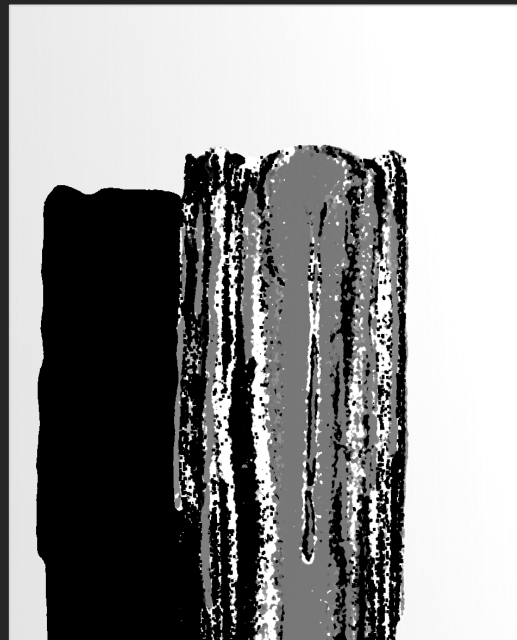


# Translucent Wax Candle

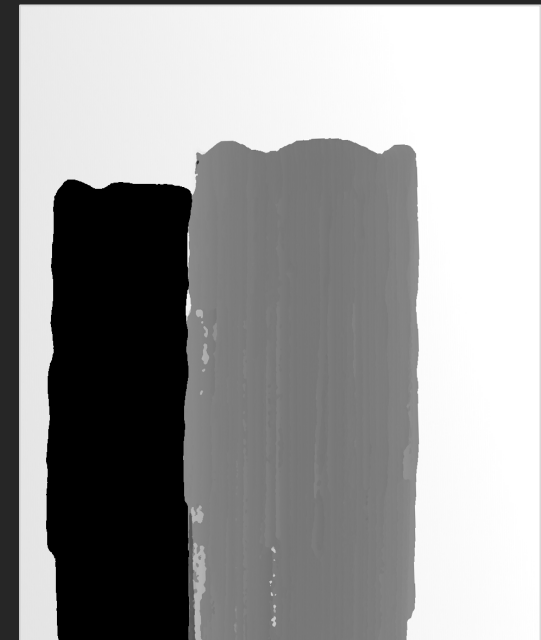
Errors due to strong  
sub-surface scattering



Scene



Modulated Phase-  
Shifting (162 images)



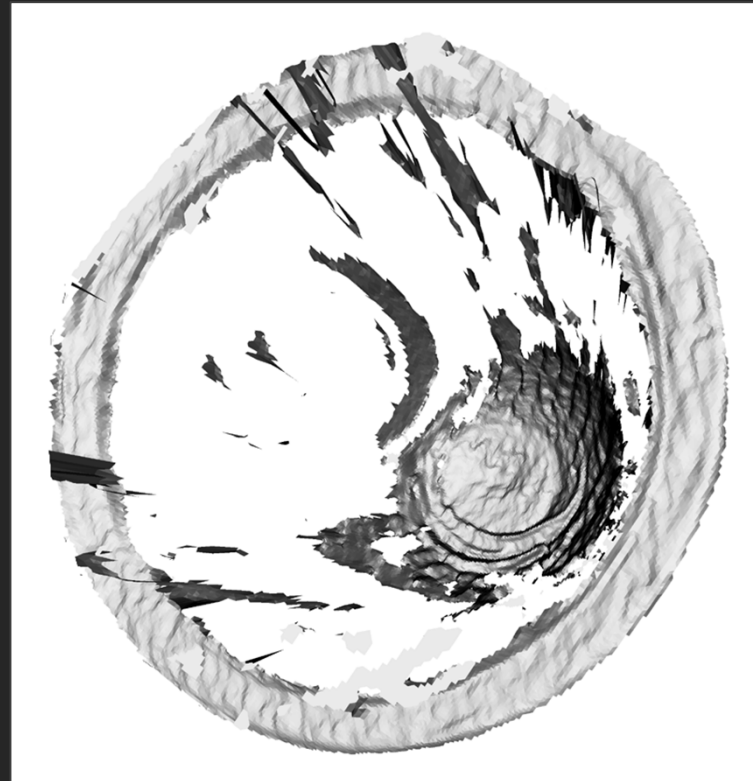
Our Ensemble Codes  
(41 images)



# Multiple Global Illumination Effects



Deep Wax Container



Shape Using Ensemble Codes



# Structured Light under Global Illumination

- Direct-Global Separation is NOT required
- Design patterns with appropriate spatial frequencies
  - Minimize the decoding errors
  - Correct errors using multiple sets of patterns



# Computational Cameras and Illumination

- Computational Illumination (Projector)

- Structure Light
- Design of new codes
- Global Illumination



- Computational Cameras

- Motion Blur, Focus Blur, Light Fields, Plenoptic Function







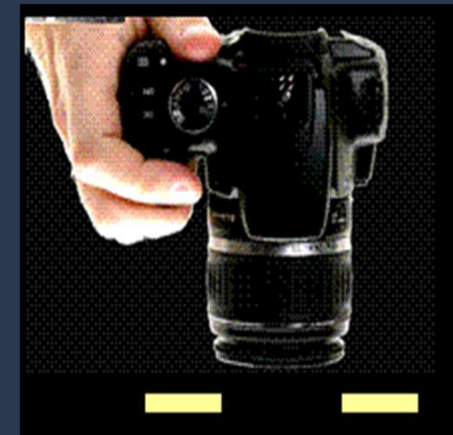
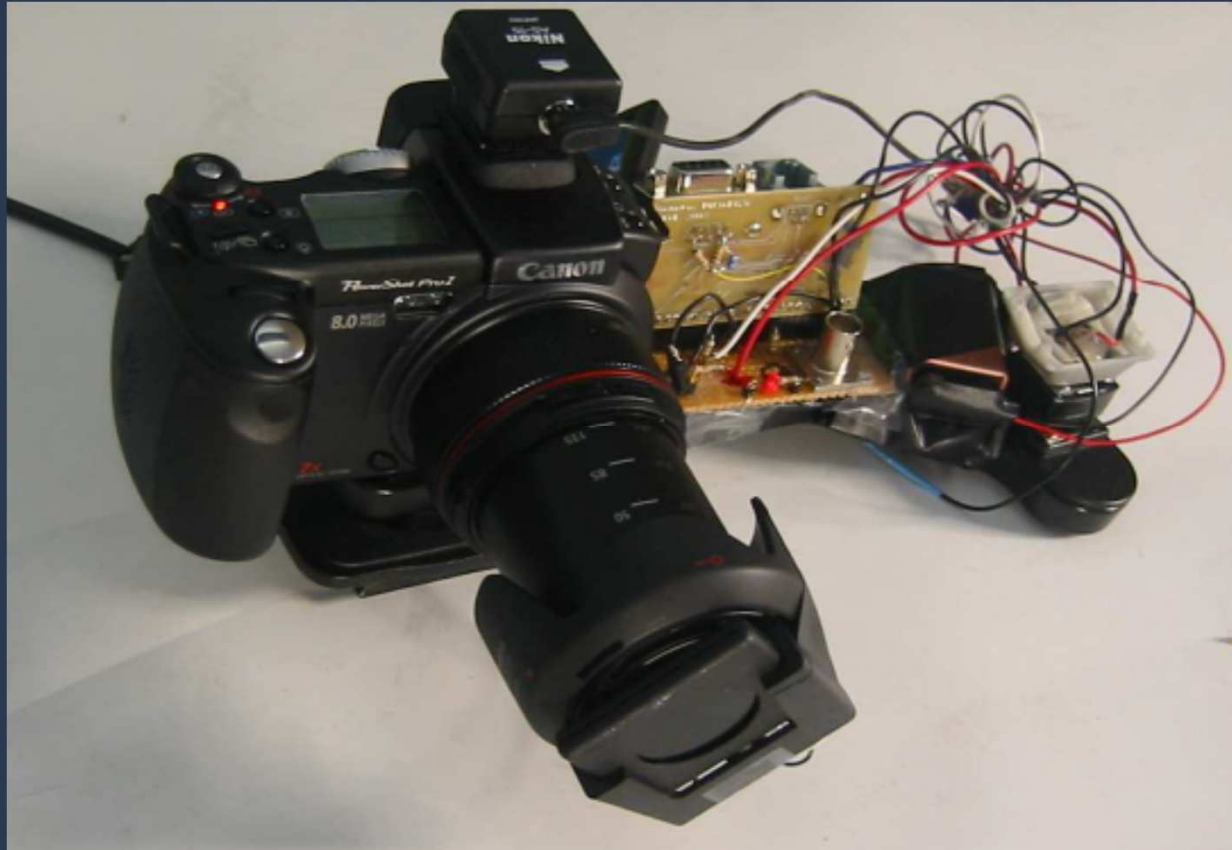
# Coded Exposure [Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin SIGGRAPH 2006]





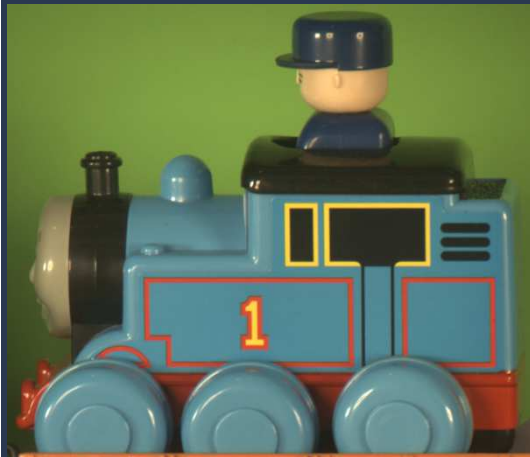
## Coded Exposure (Flutter Shutter) Camera

Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin [Siggraph2006]

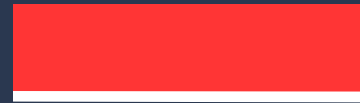


Coding in Time: Shutter is opened and closed

# Blurring == Convolution

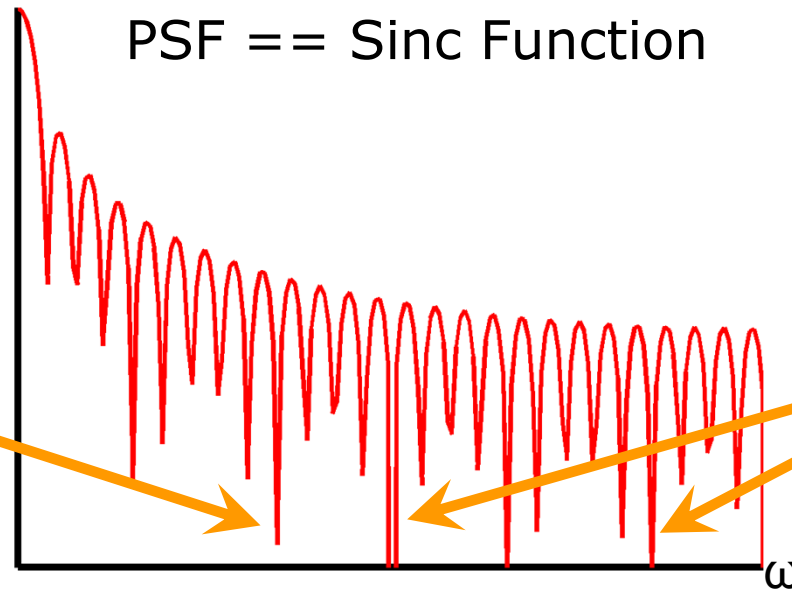


Sharp Photo



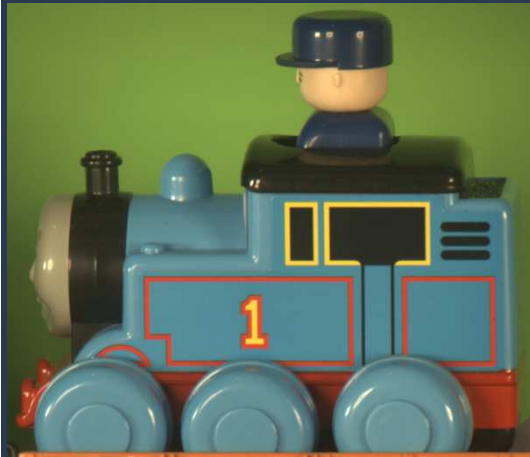
Blurred Photo

PSF == Sinc Function

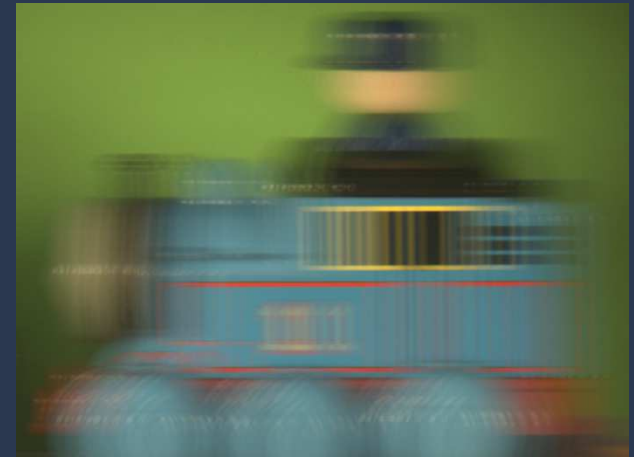
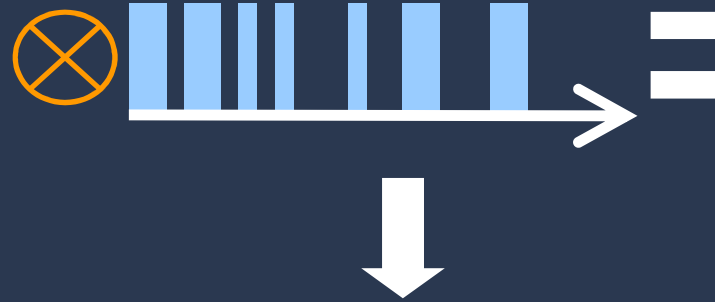


Traditional Camera: Shutter is OPEN: Box Filter

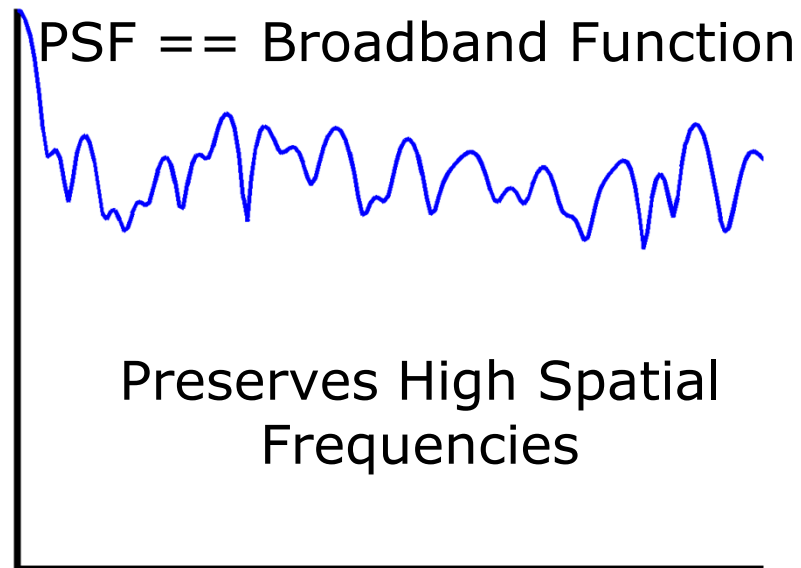




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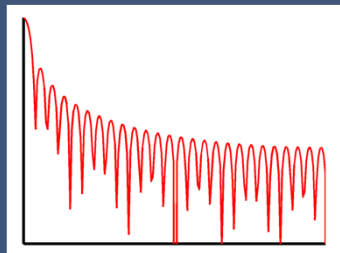


Blurred Photo

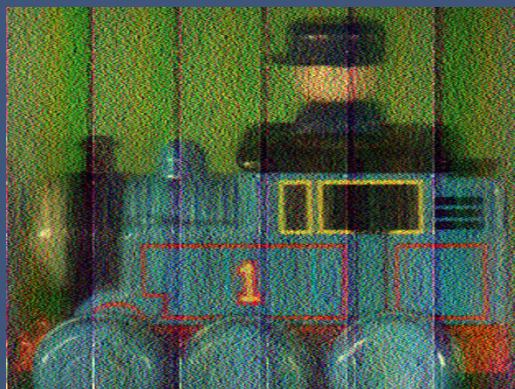


Flutter Shutter: Shutter is OPEN and CLOSED

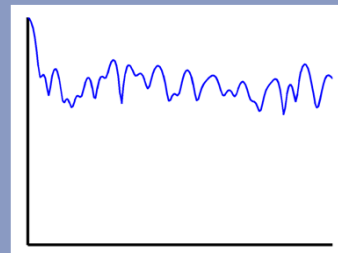
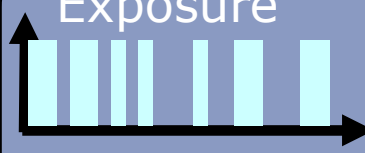
Traditional



Deblurred Image



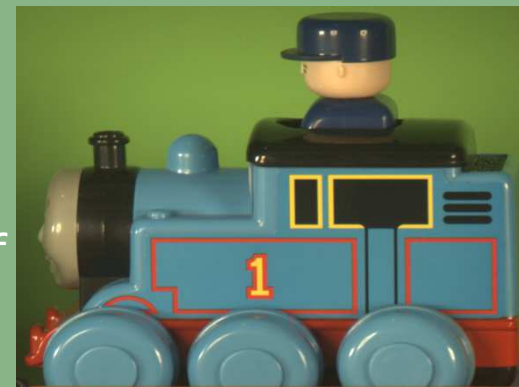
Coded Exposure



Deblurred Image



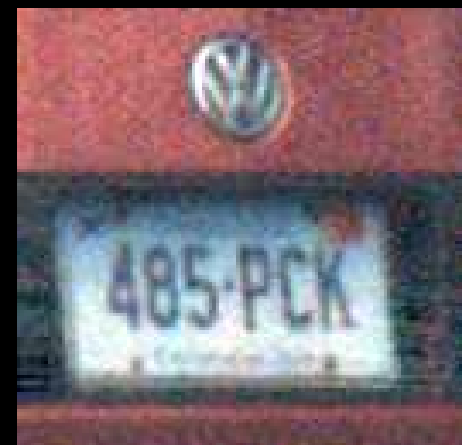
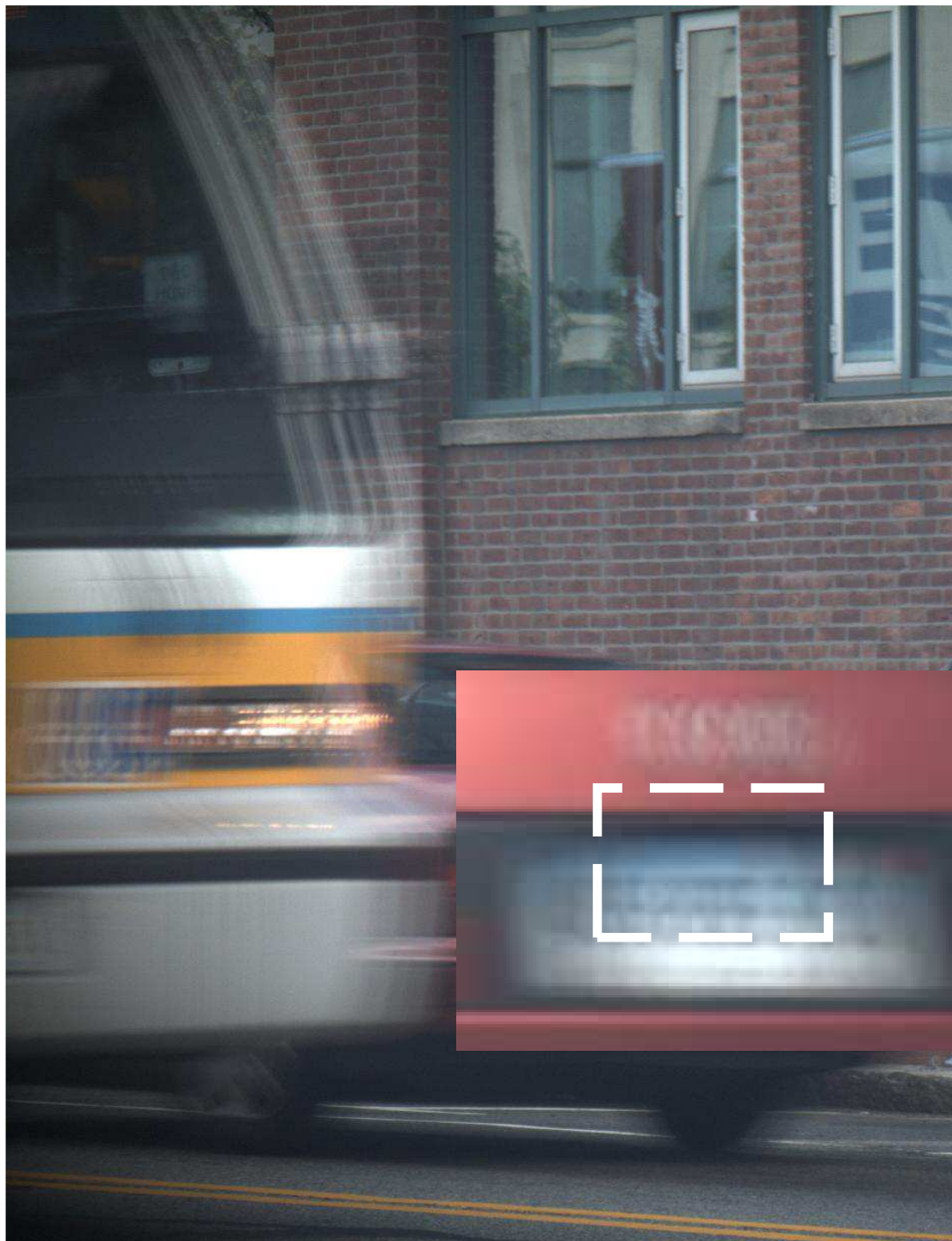
Image of Static Object





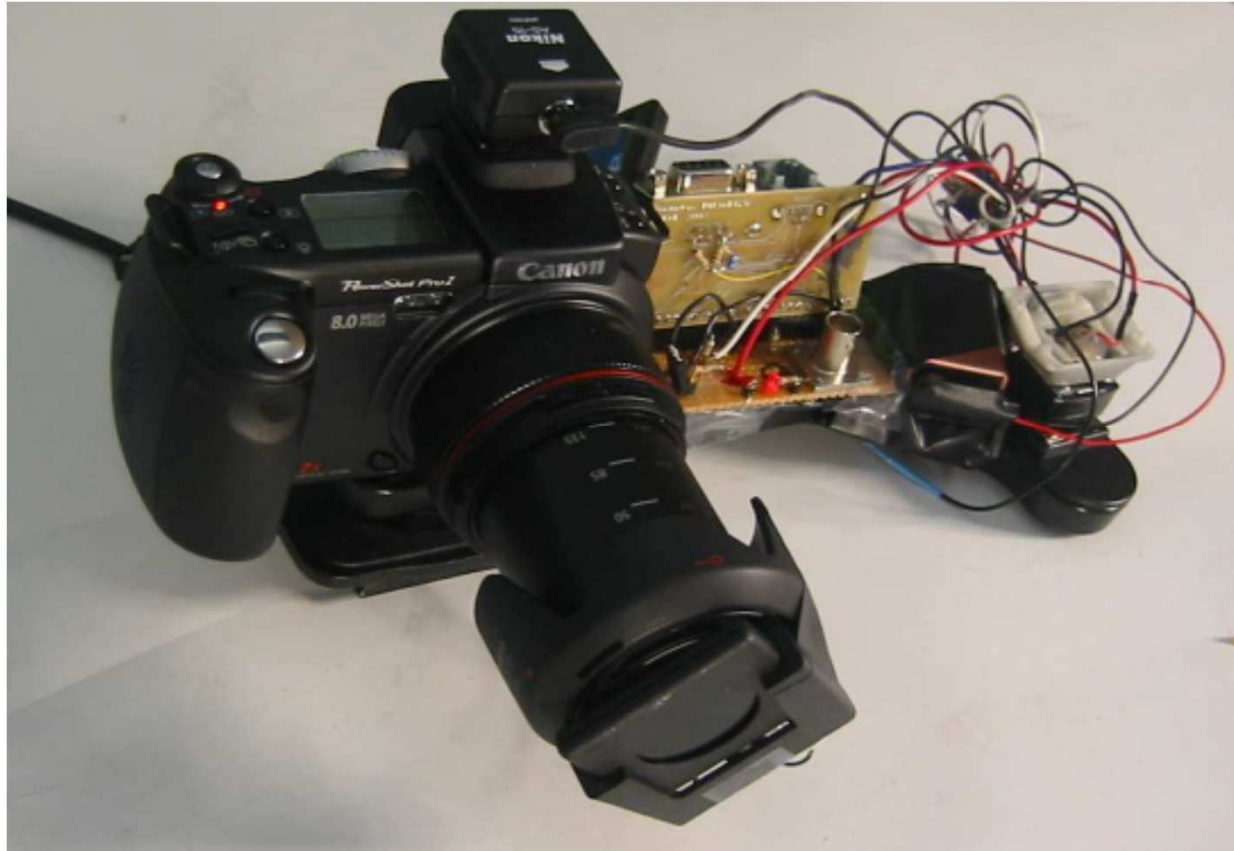






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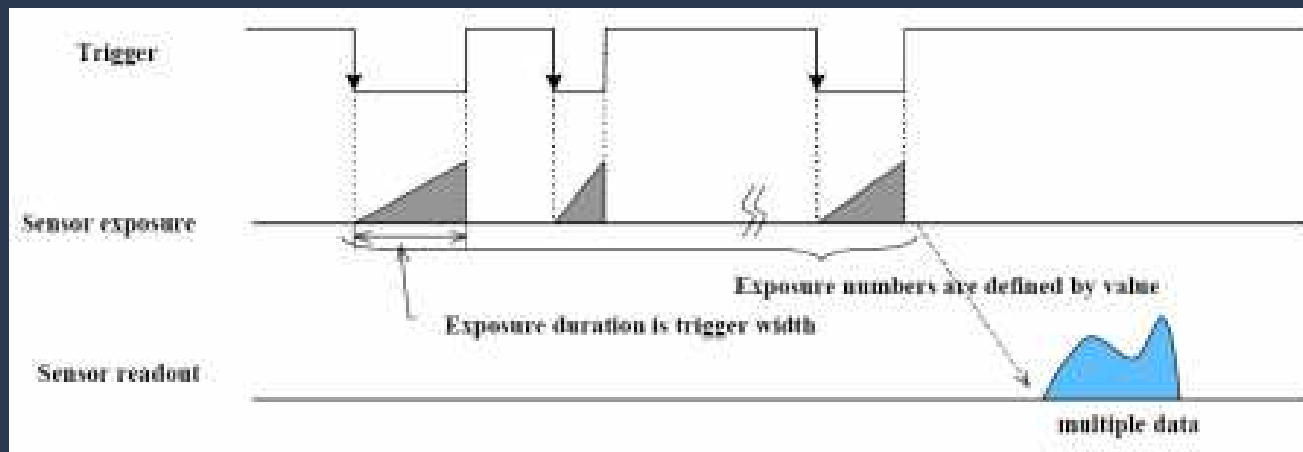


Coding in Time: Shutter is opened and closed



# Flutter Shutter Video Camera

- Pointgrey Dragonfly2 Camera
- Use Trigger Mode 5
- On-chip, Additional Cost = \$0





**How to handle  
focus blur?**



## Coded Exposure (Flutter Shutter)

Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin  
SIGGRAPH 2006



Temporal 1-D broadband code:  
**Motion** Deblurring

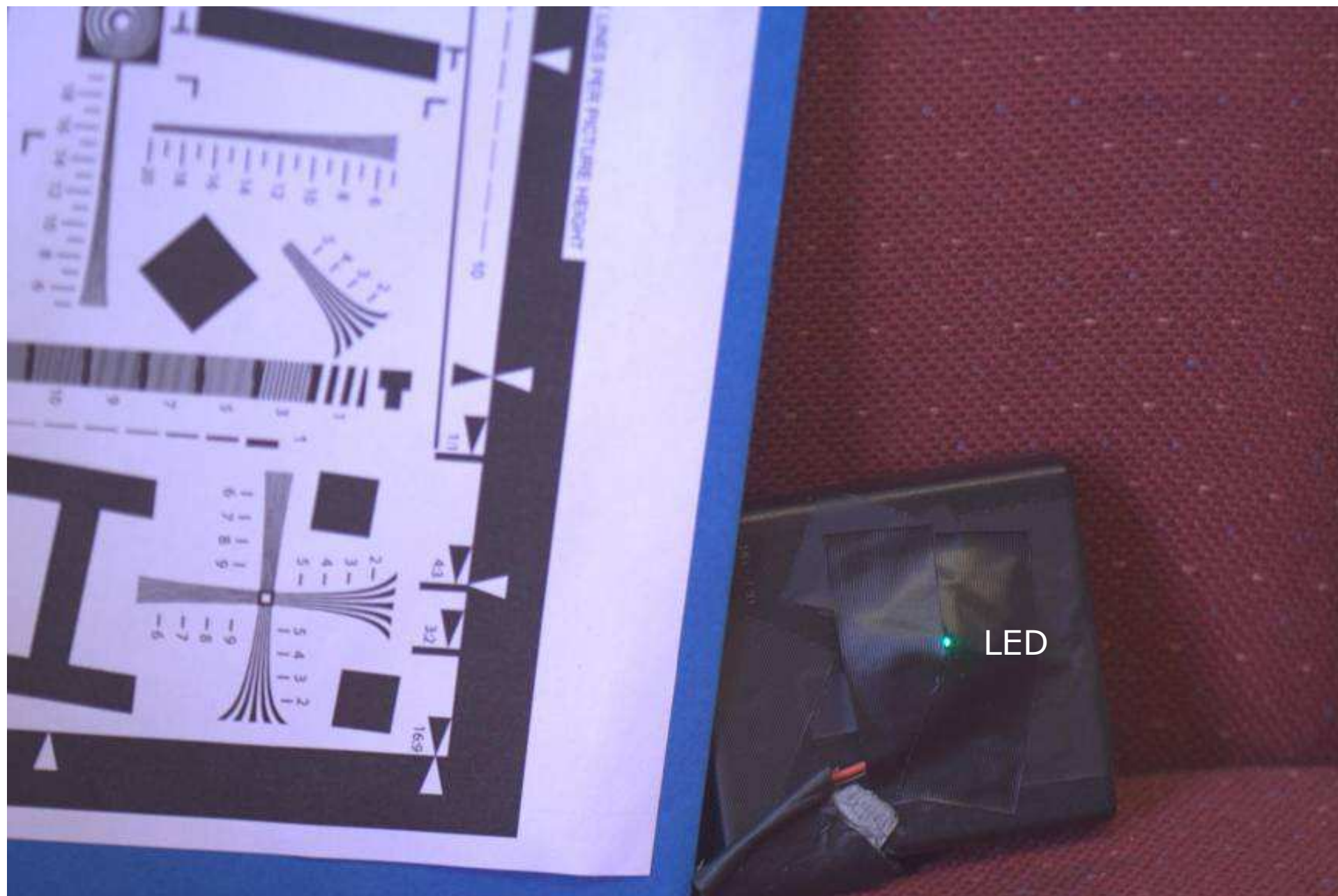
## Coded Aperture

with Veeraraghavan, Raskar, Tumblin, & Mohan,  
SIGGRAPH 2007



Spatial 2-D broadband code:  
**Focus** Deblurring





In Focus Photo

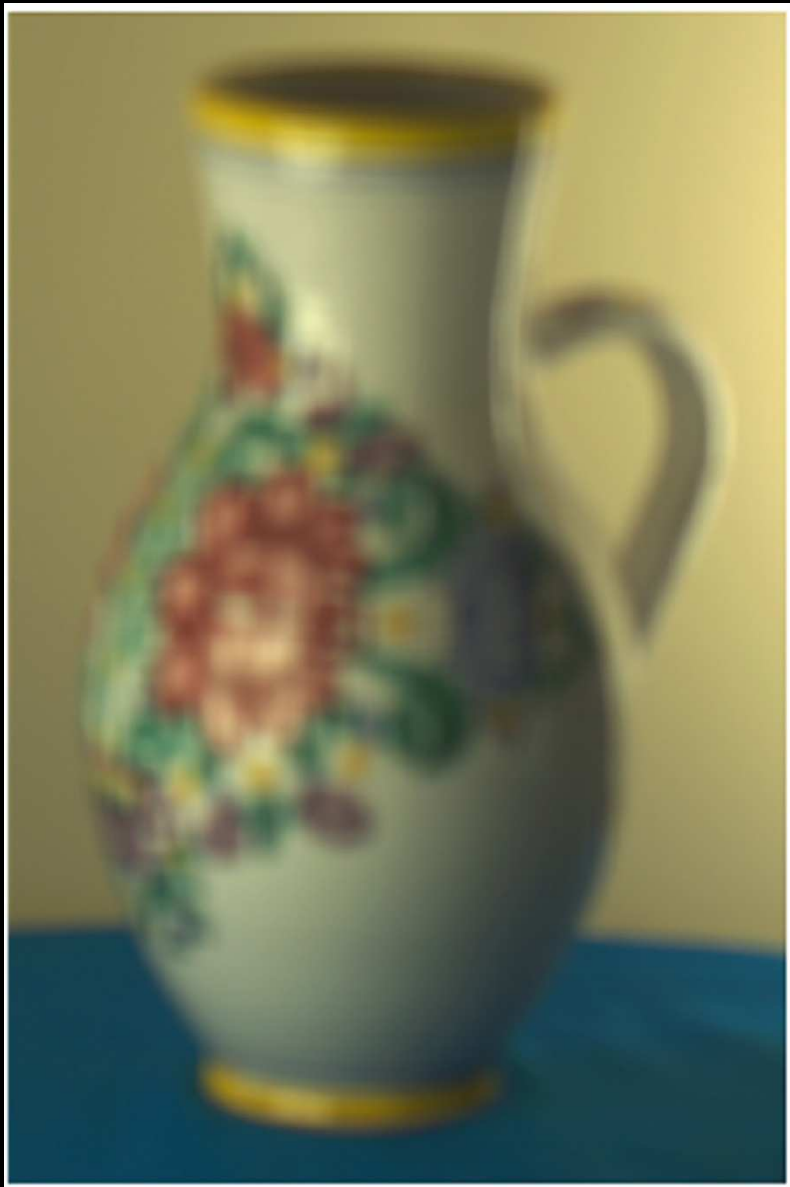


Out of Focus Photo: Open Aperture



Out of Focus Photo: Coded Aperture

## Blurred Photos



Open Aperture



Coded Aperture, 7 \* 7 Mask



## Deblurred Photos



Open Aperture

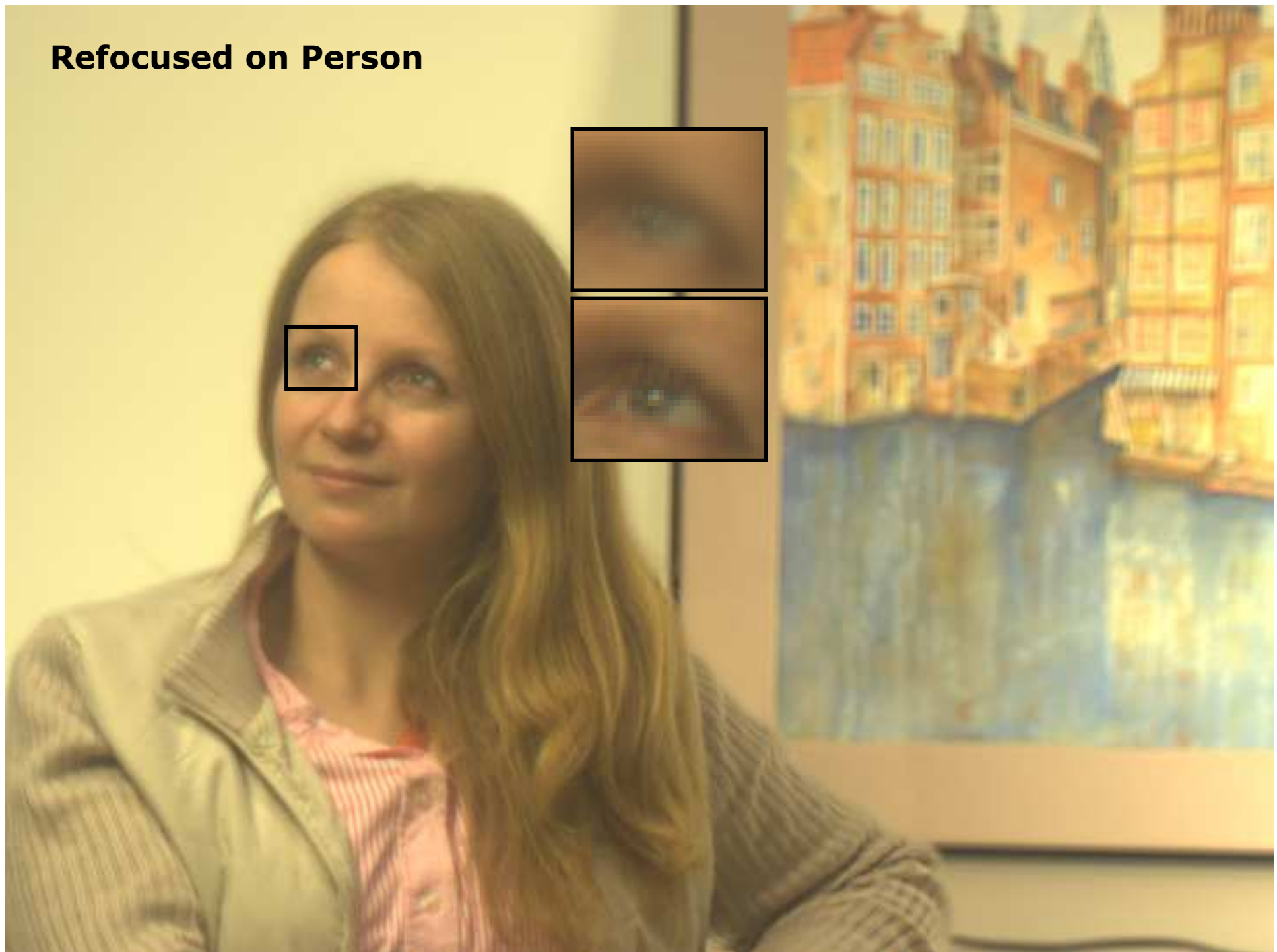


Coded Aperture, 7 \* 7 Mask

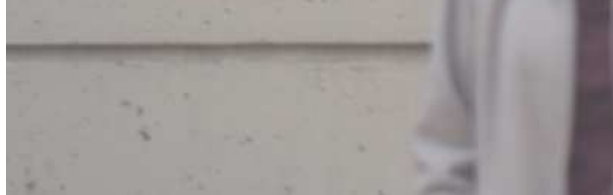
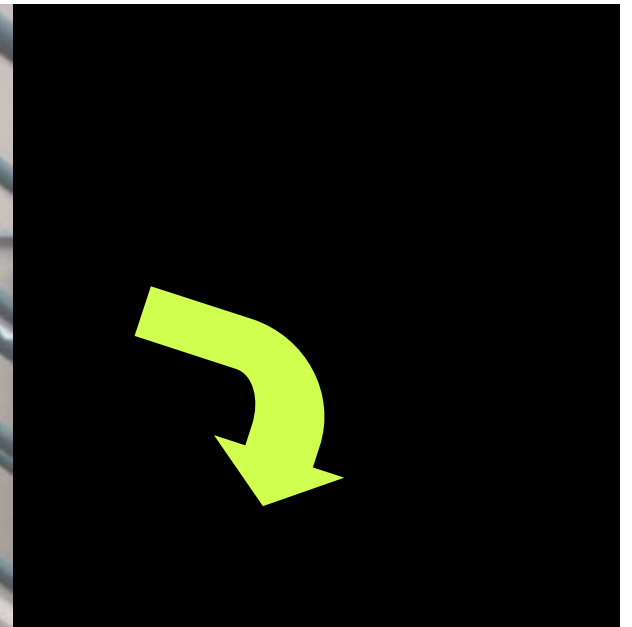
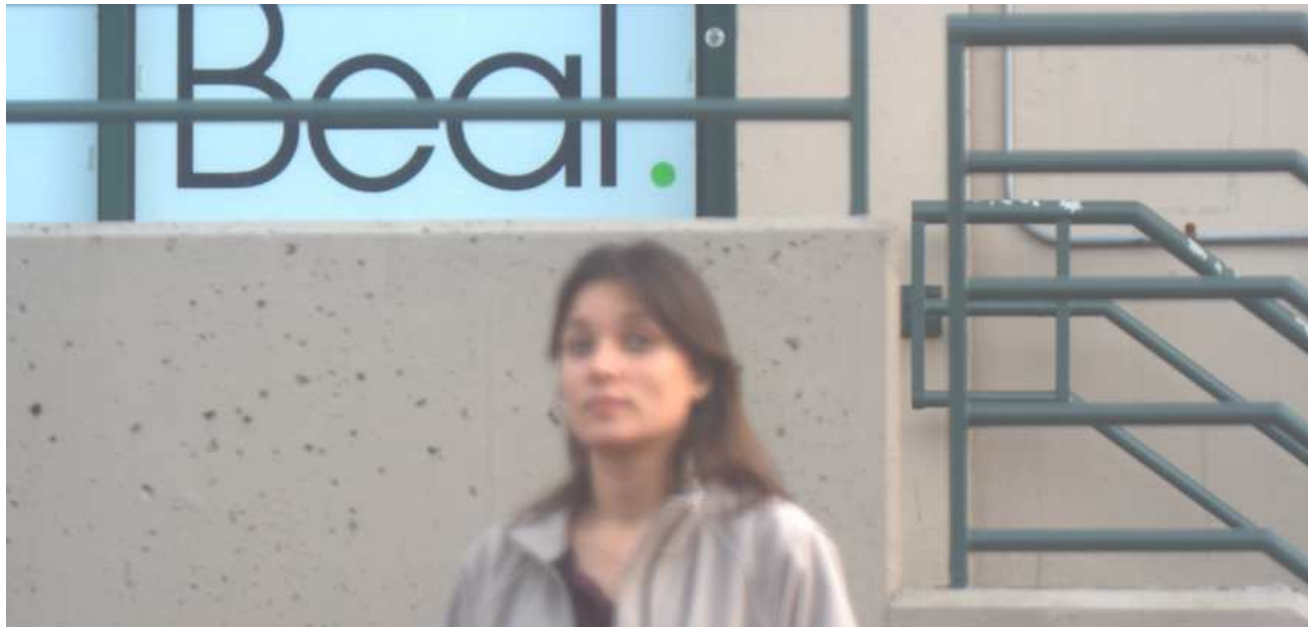
**Captured Blurred  
Photo**



## Refocused on Person









# Coded Imaging

Blocking Light == More Information



Coded Exposure  
Coding in Time

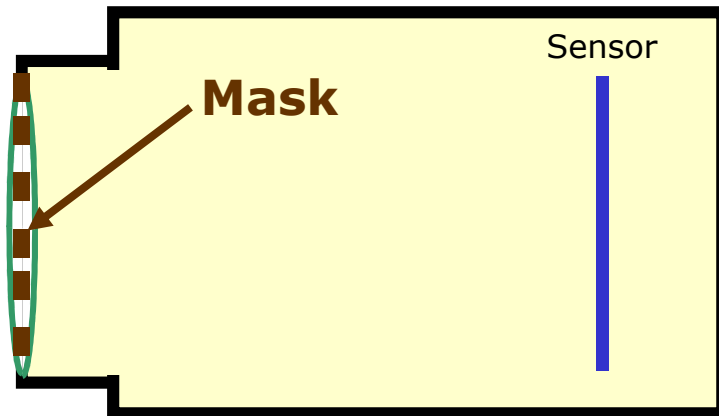
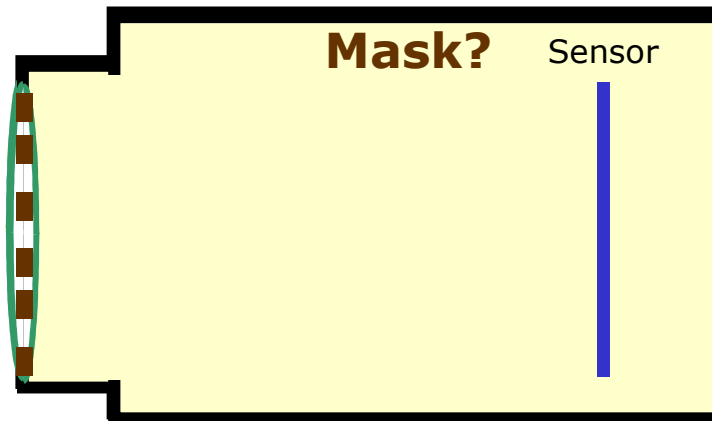
Coded Aperture  
Coding in Space



# Computational Cameras

| Camera          | Coding / Modulation Dimension |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Flutter Shutter | Time (Exposure)               |
| Coded Aperture  | Space                         |
| ?               | Space and Angle               |
| ?               | Space, Time, Angle            |
| ?               | Space and Time                |
|                 |                               |



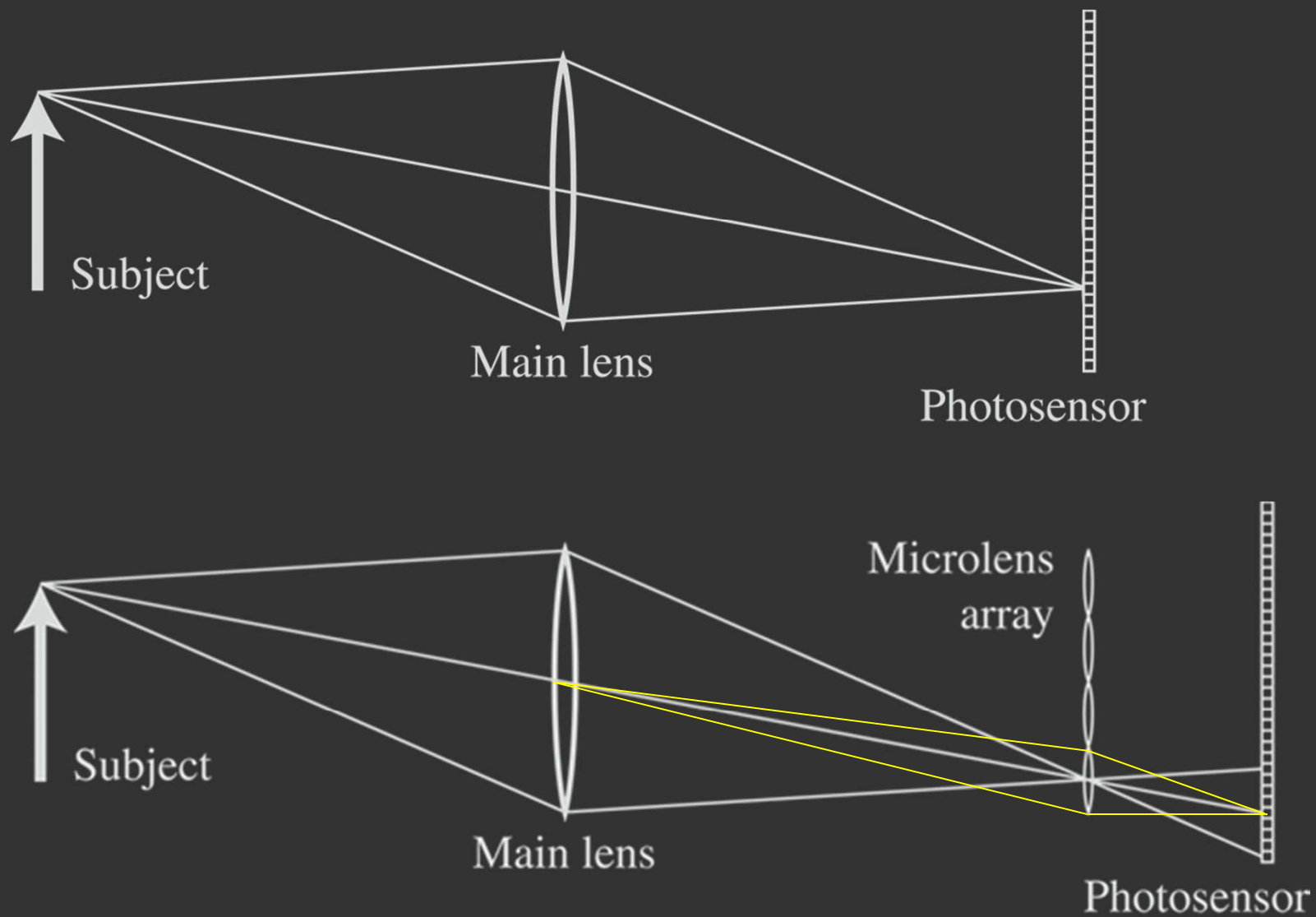


Full Resolution Digital  
Refocusing:  
Coded Aperture Camera

4D Light Field from 2D  
Photo:  
Heterodyne Light Field  
Camera



## Lytro: Lenslet-based Light Field camera



Adelson and Wang, 1992, Ng et al. 2005



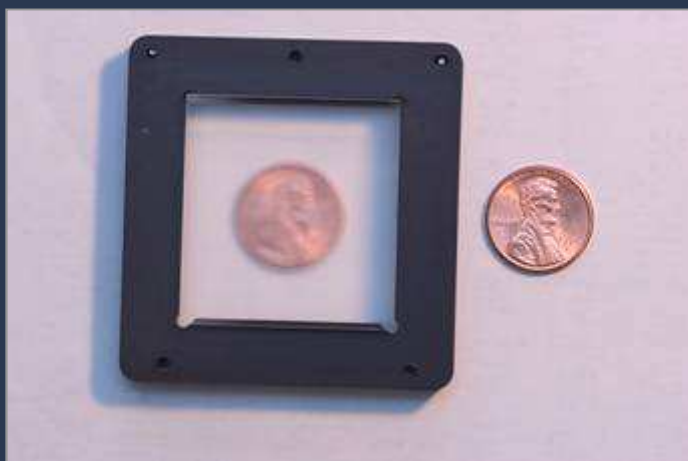
# Stanford Plenoptic Camera (Lytro) [Ng et al 2005]



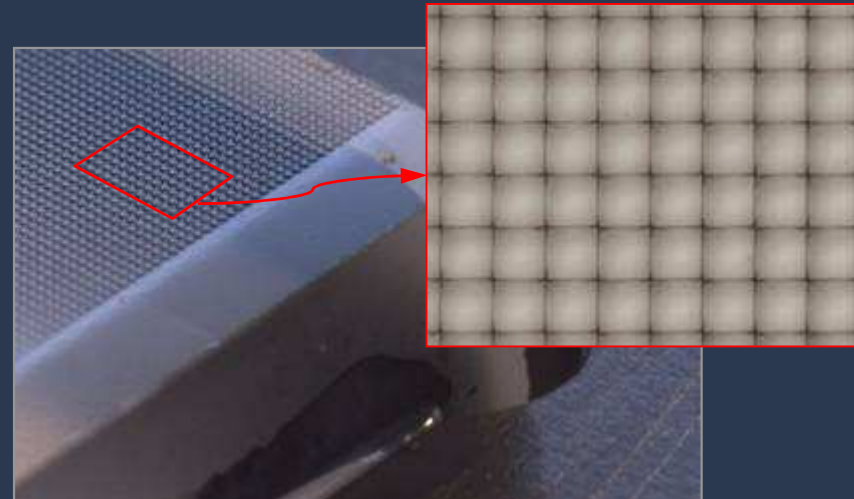
Contax medium format camera



Kodak 16-megapixel sensor



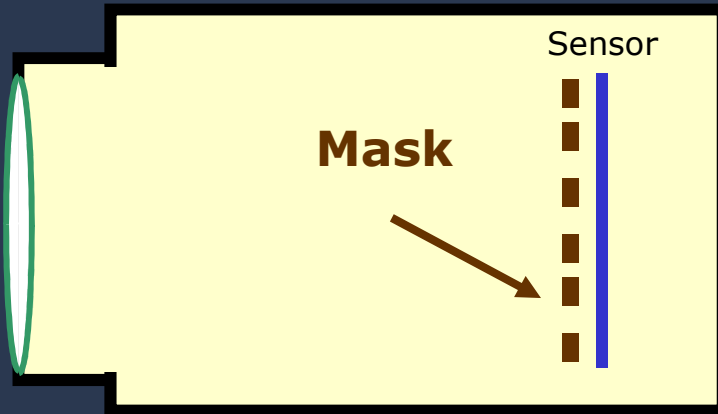
Adaptive Optics microlens array



125 $\mu$  square-sided microlenses

4000 4000 pixels 292 292 lenses = 14 14 pixels per lens

# Mask based Light Field Camera (SIGGRAPH 2007)



- Sum of Cosines Mask
- Pinhole Array Mask
- Tiled Broadband Mask





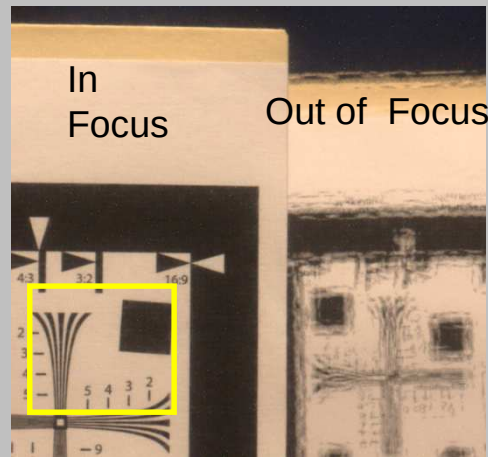
Captured Light Field

Digital Refocusing

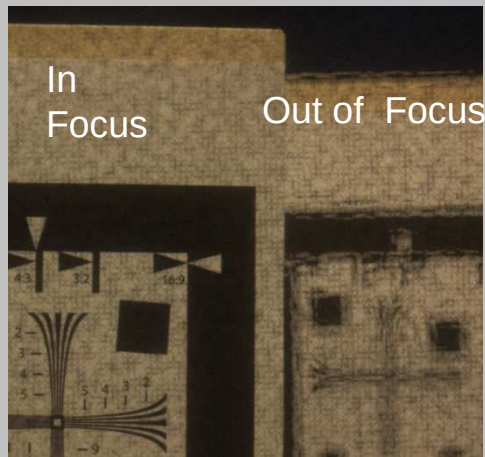
# Recovering Full Resolution 2D Image

- For in-focus scene
- Inserting Mask == Spatially Varying Image Attenuation
- Compensate using calibration image

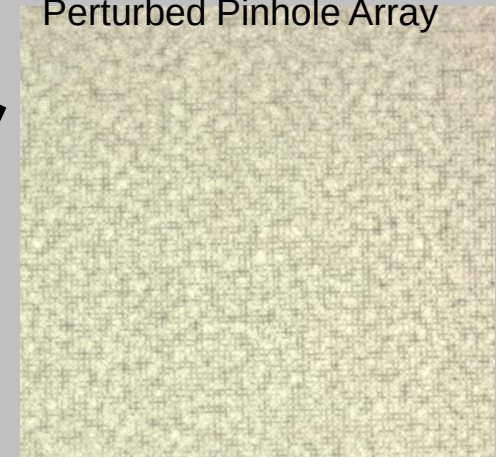
Full Resolution Image



Captured Photo

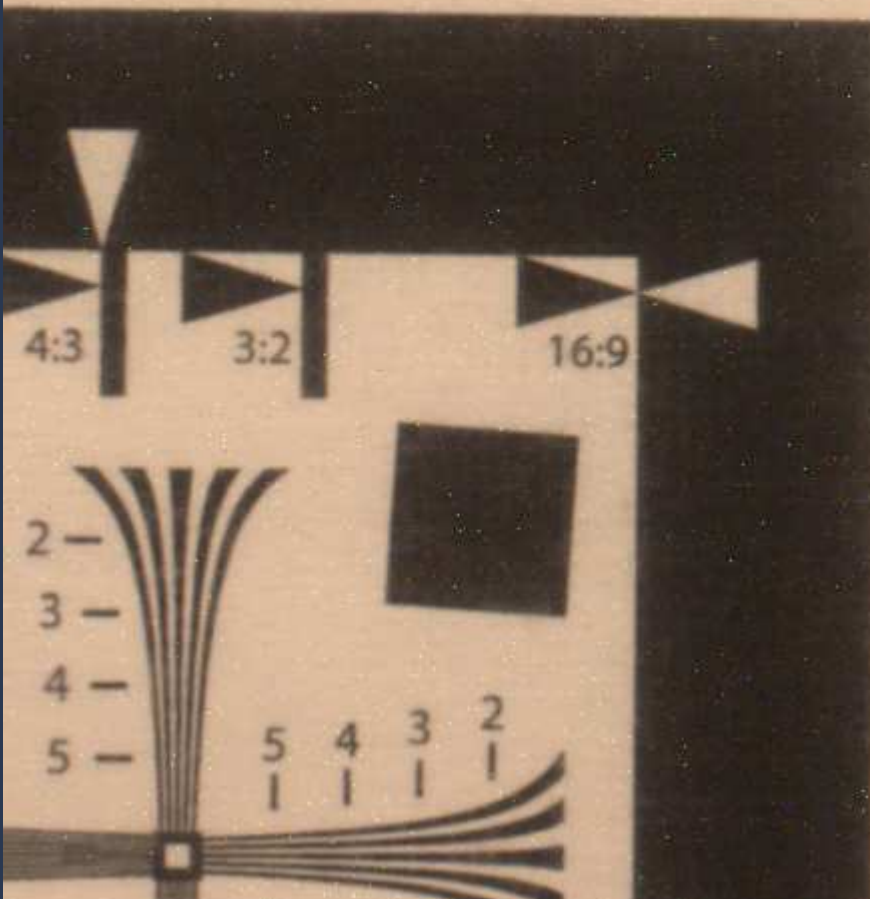


Calibration Photo of Perturbed Pinhole Array

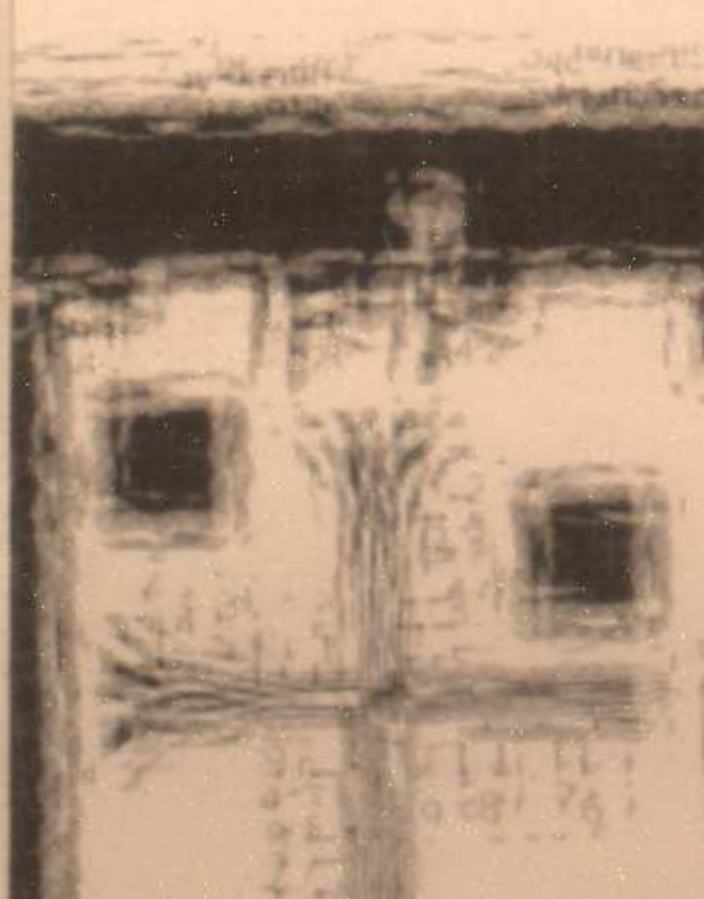




In Focus



Out of Focus



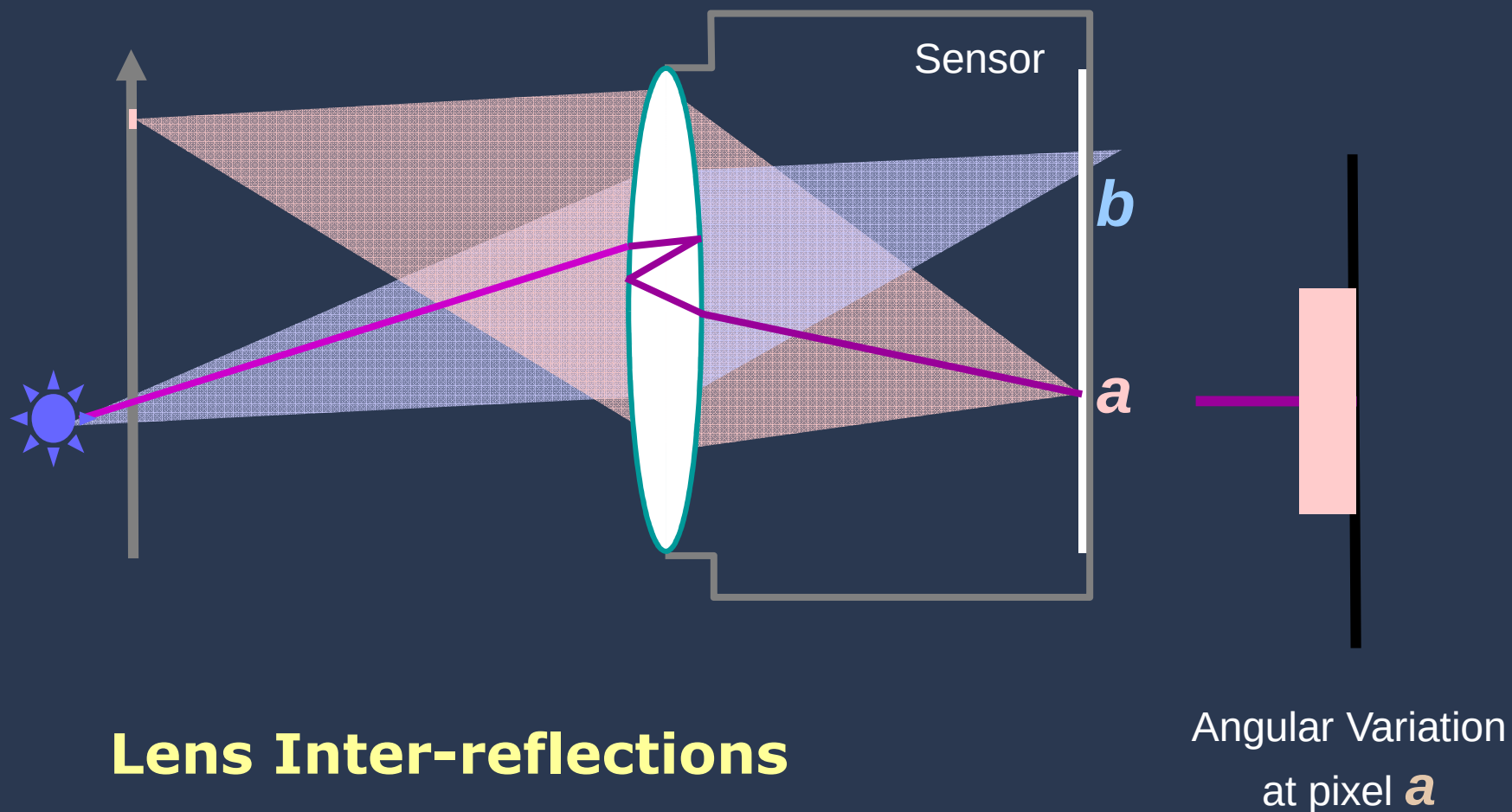
# Lens Glare Reduction using Light Field



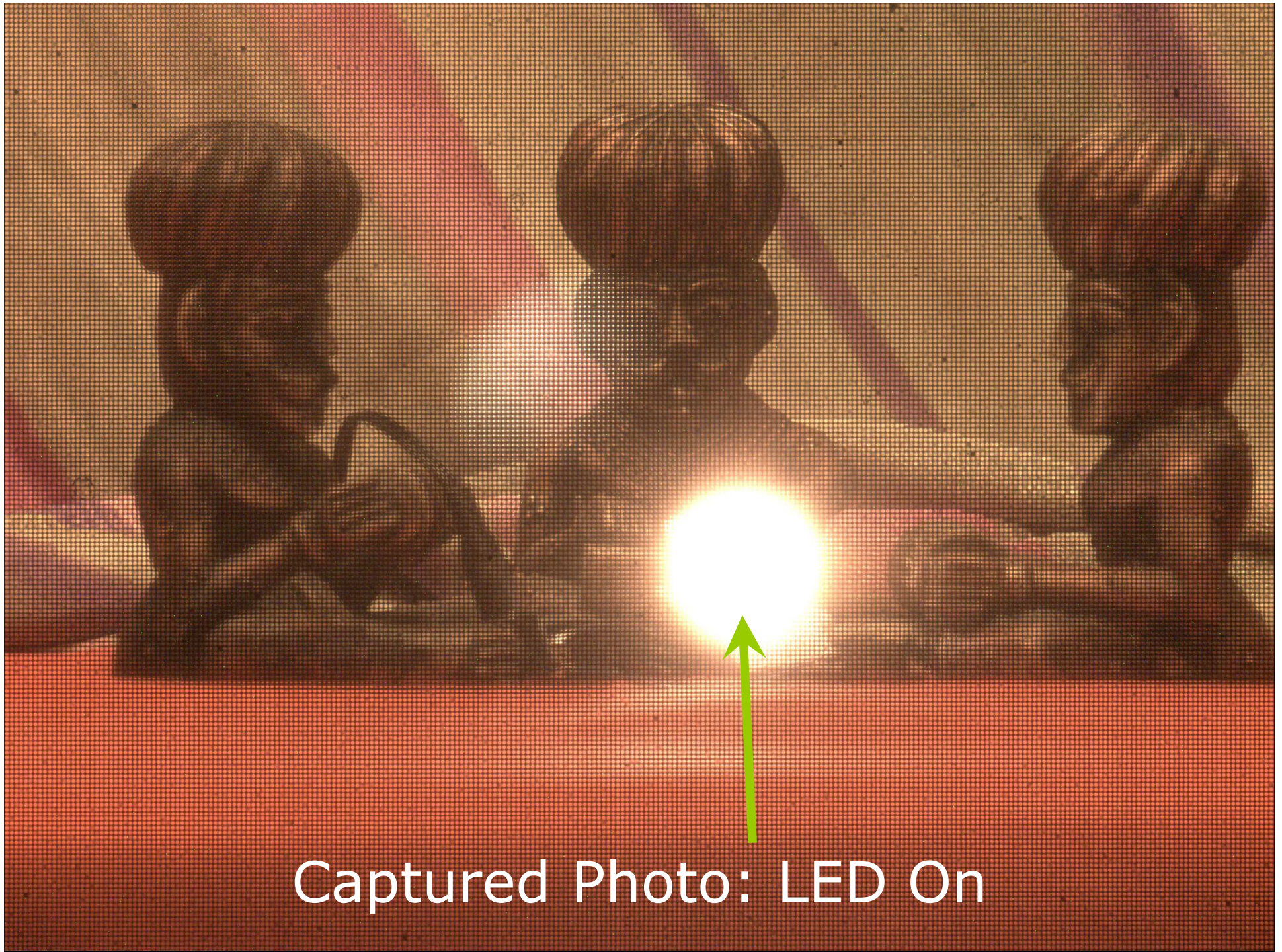


## Effects of Glare on Image

- Hard to model, Low Frequency in 2D
- But reflection glare is **outlier** in 4D ray-space







Captured Photo: LED On







# Sequence of Sub-Aperture Views



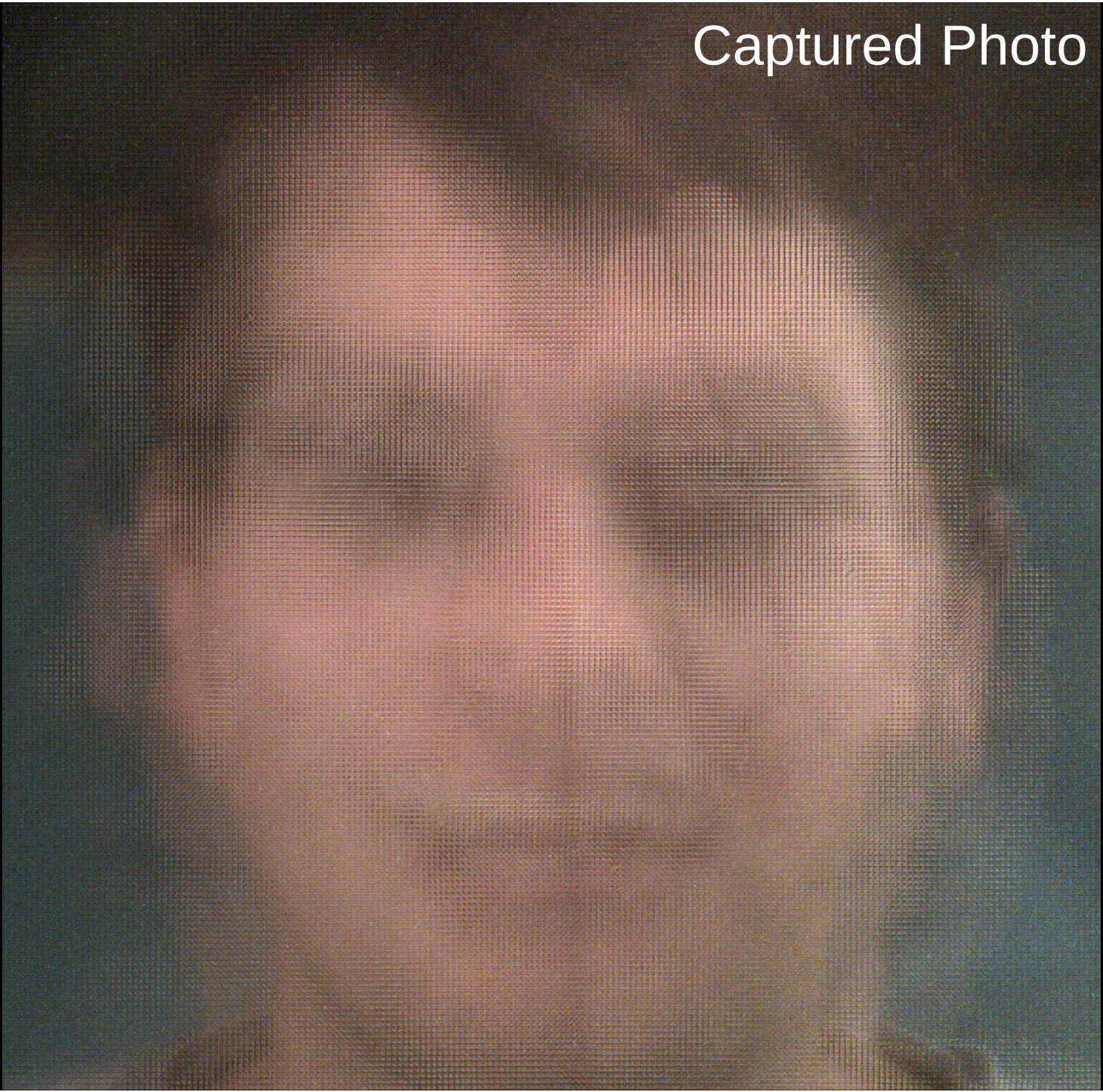
Traditional Camera Photo



Glare Reduced Photo



Captured Photo







Video from Single-Shot (Temporal Frames)





Captured Photo





Rotating Doll in Focus

























# Reinterpretable Camera

- Resolution tradeoff for Conventional Imaging
  - Fixed before capture
    - video camera, lightfield camera
  - Scene independent
- Resolution tradeoff for Reinterpretable Camera
  - Variable in post-capture
  - Scene dependent
  - Different for different parts of the scene/captured photo

Captured 2D  
Photo



Captured 2D  
Photo



Static Scene Parts

In-Focus

High Resolution  
2D Image

Captured 2D  
Photo



Static Scene Parts

In-Focus

Out of Focus

High Resolution  
2D Image

4D  
Light Field

Captured 2D  
Photo

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graph TD; A[Captured 2D Photo] --> B[Static Scene Parts]; A --> C[Dynamic Scene Parts]; B --> B1[In-Focus]; B --> B2[Out of Focus]; B1 --> B1a[High Resolution 2D Image]; B2 --> B2a[4D Light Field]; C --> C1[In-Focus]; C1 --> C1a[Video];
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Static Scene Parts

In-Focus

High Resolution  
2D Image

Out of Focus

4D  
Light Field

Dynamic Scene Parts

In-Focus

Video

Captured 2D  
Photo

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Static Scene Parts

In-Focus

High Resolution  
2D Image

Out of Focus

4D  
Light Field

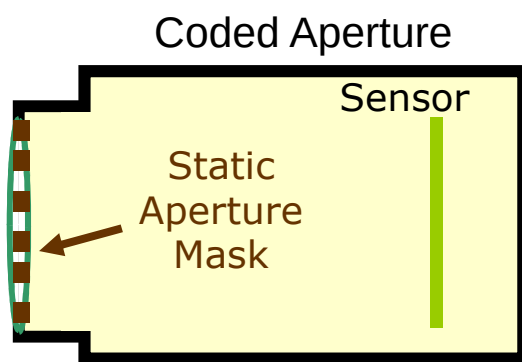
Dynamic Scene Parts

In-Focus

Video

Out of Focus

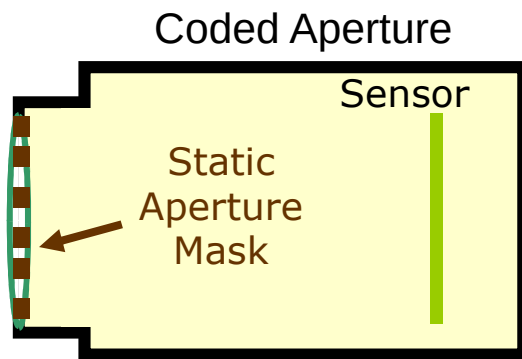
1D Parallax  
+ Motion



SIGGRAPH 2007

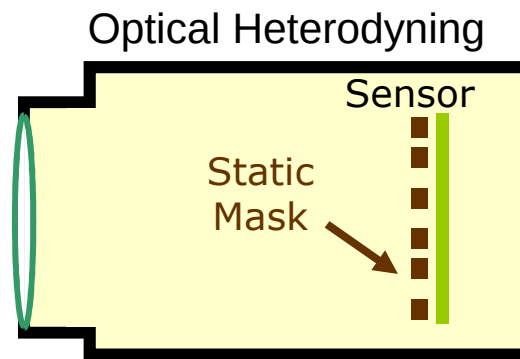
Digital  
Refocusing





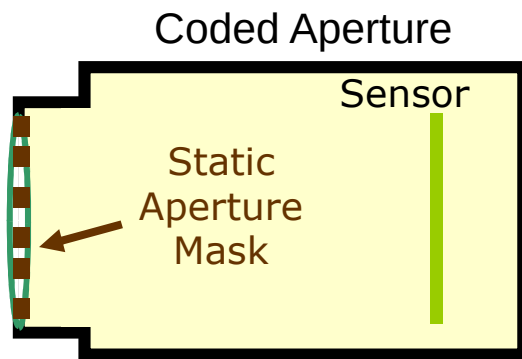
SIGGRAPH 2007

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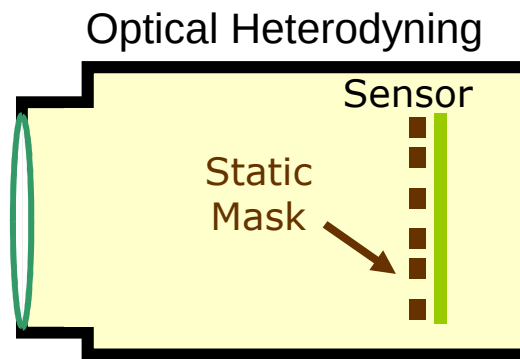
SIGGRAPH 2007

Light Field  
Capture



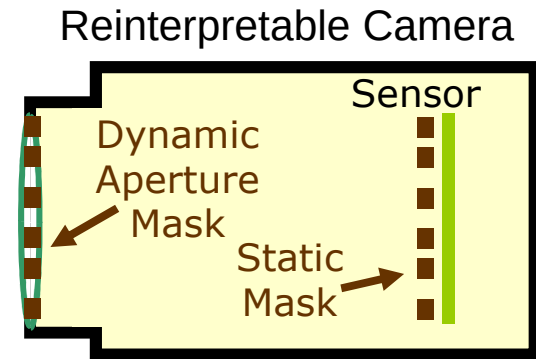
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Digital  
Refocusing



SIGGRAPH 2007

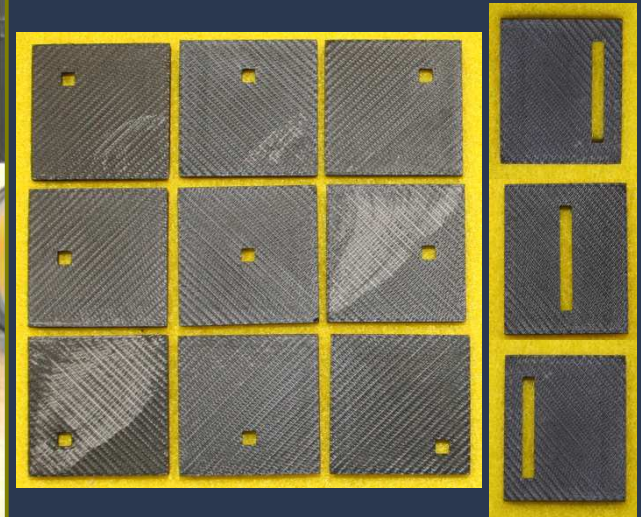
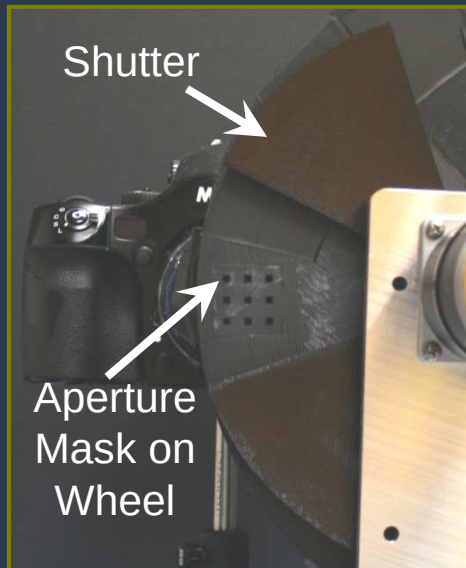
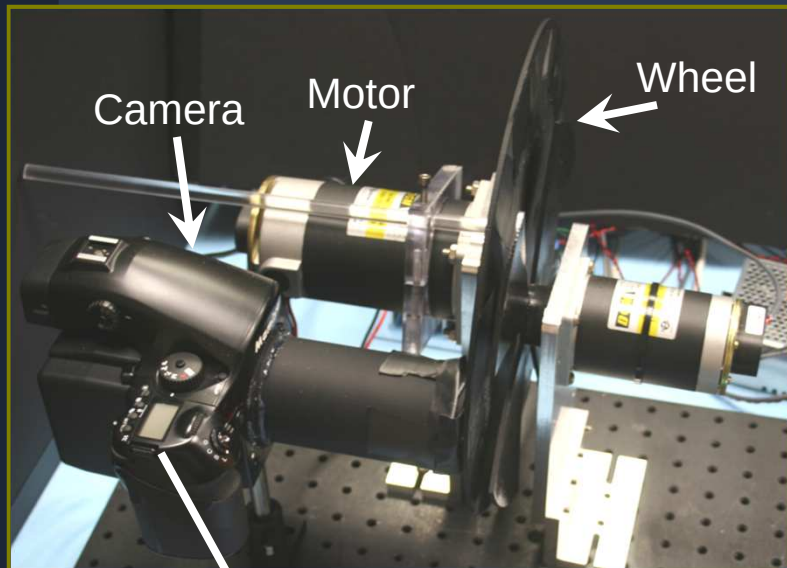
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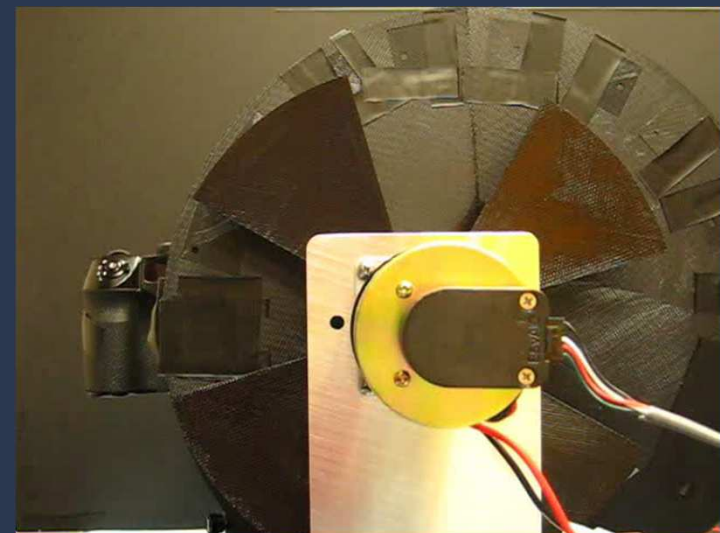
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Post-Capture  
Resolution Control

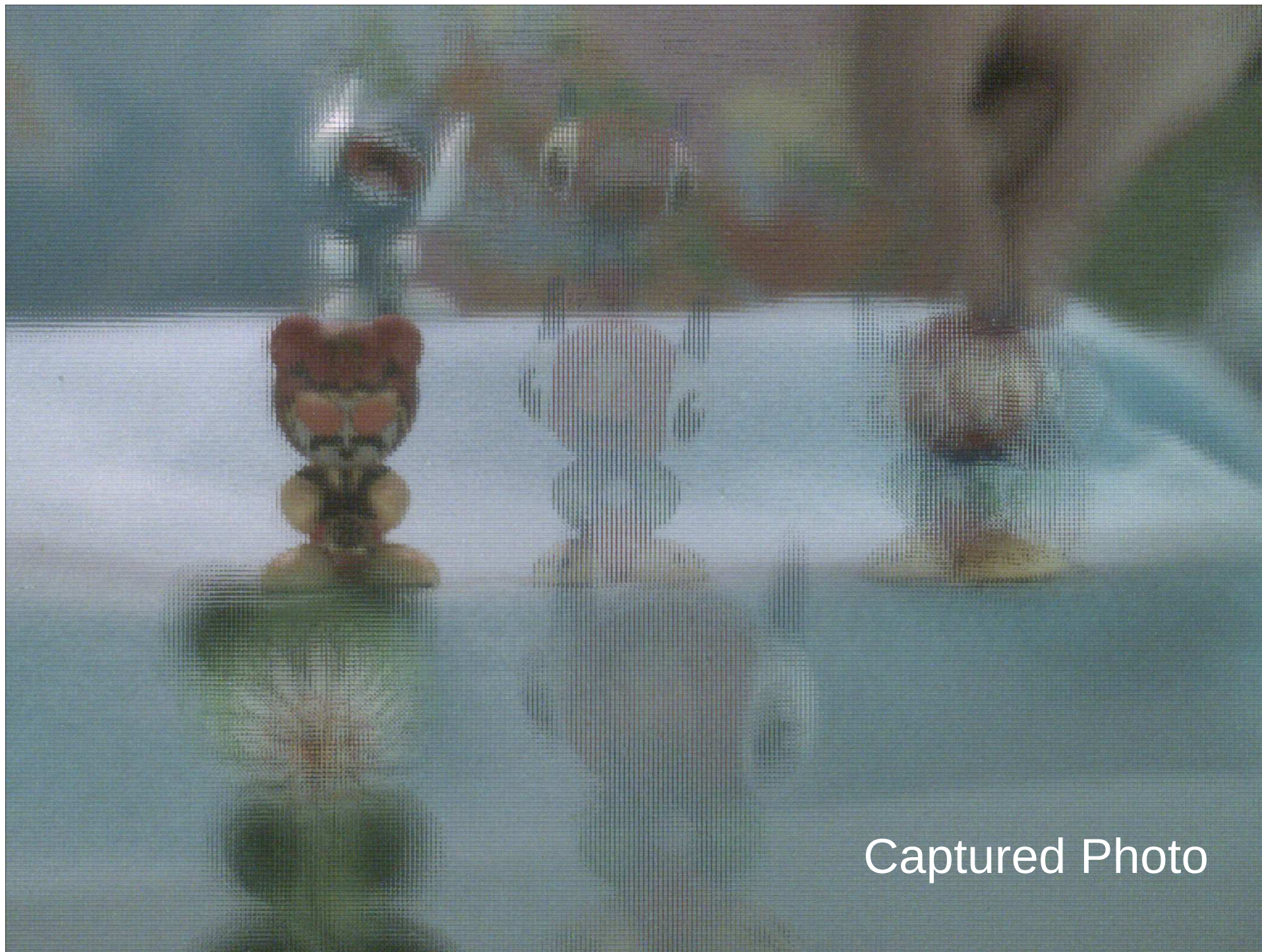
# Implementation



Near-Sensor Mask







Captured Photo

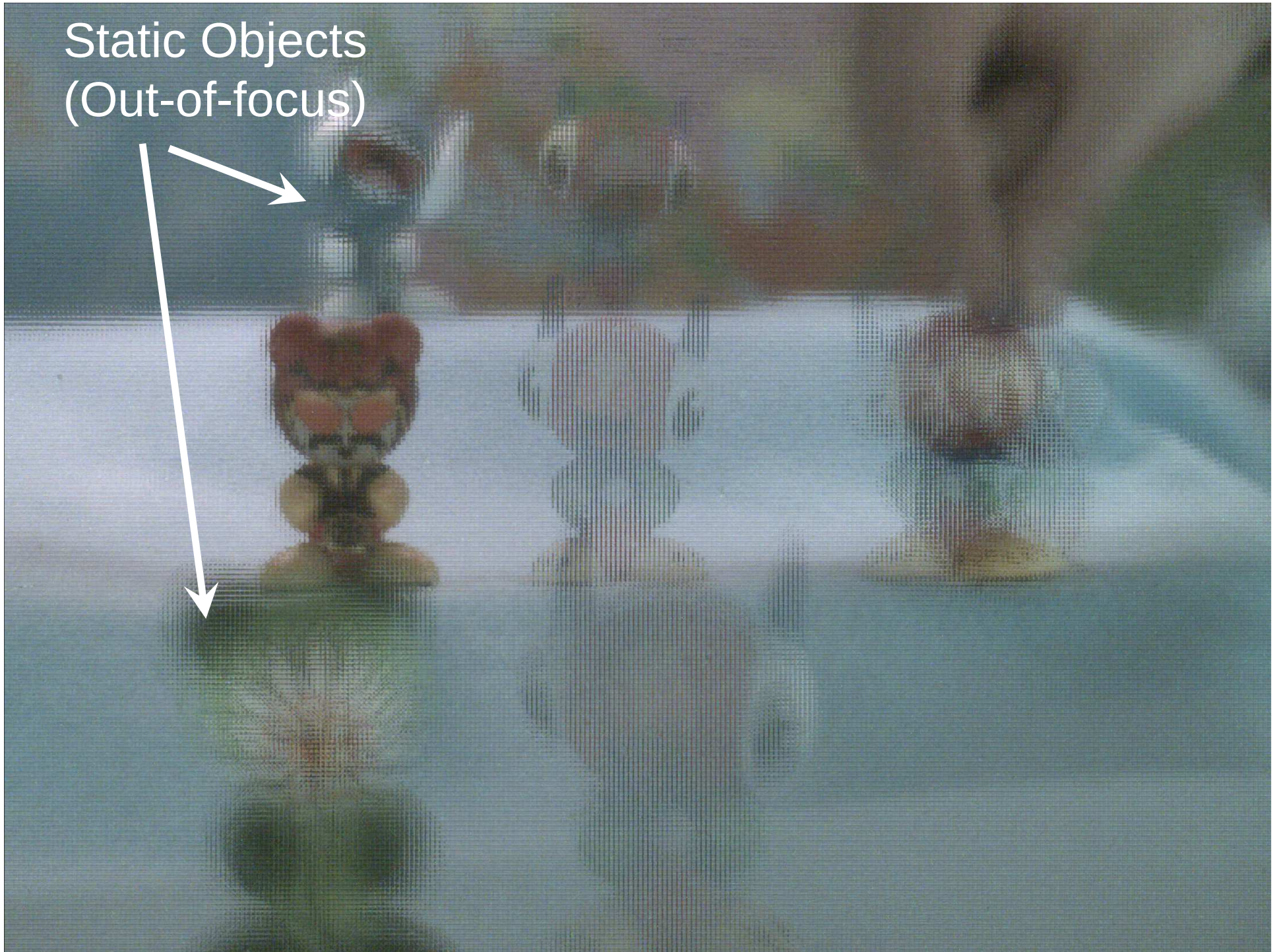


Static Object  
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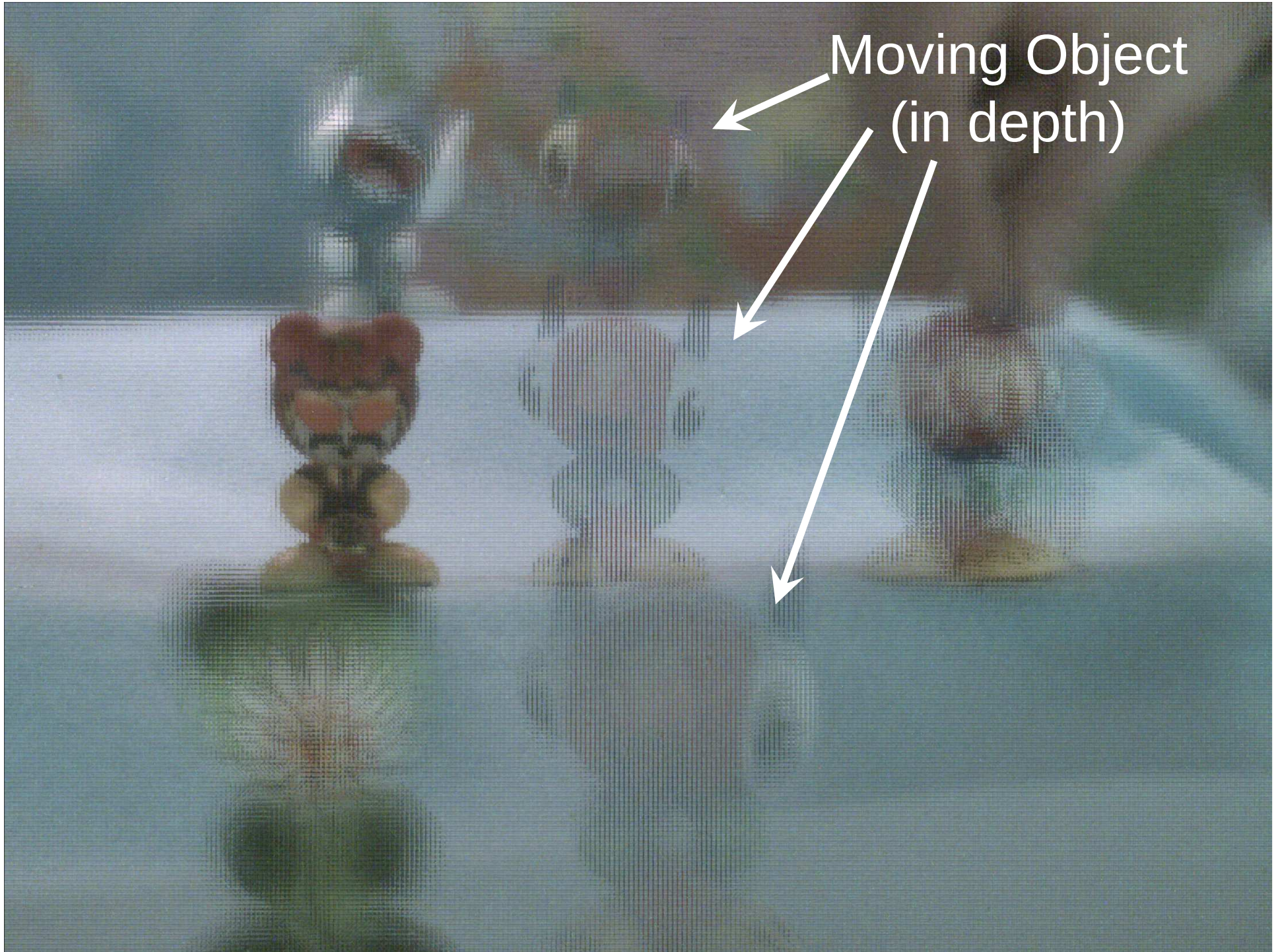


Static Objects  
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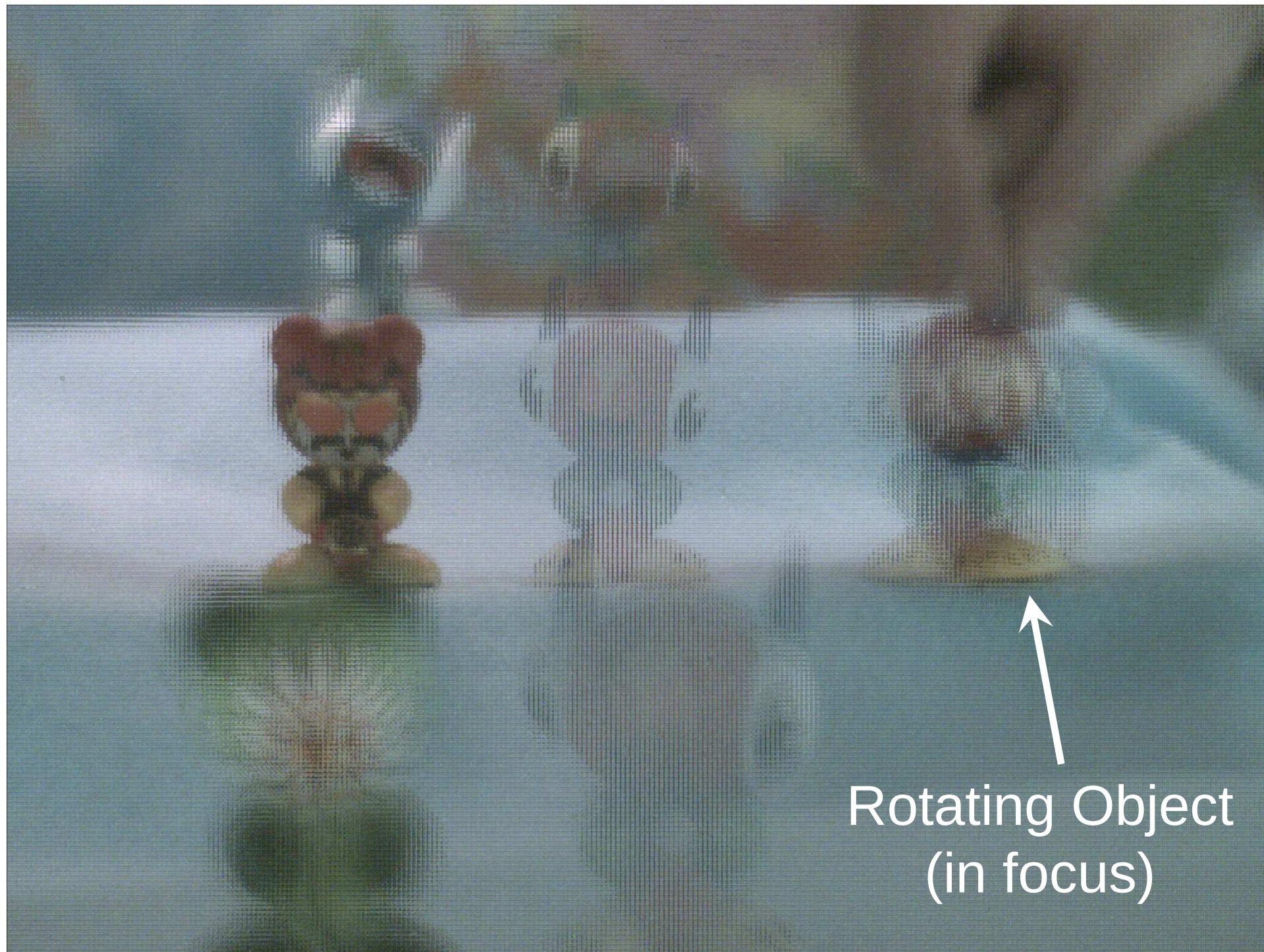




Moving Object  
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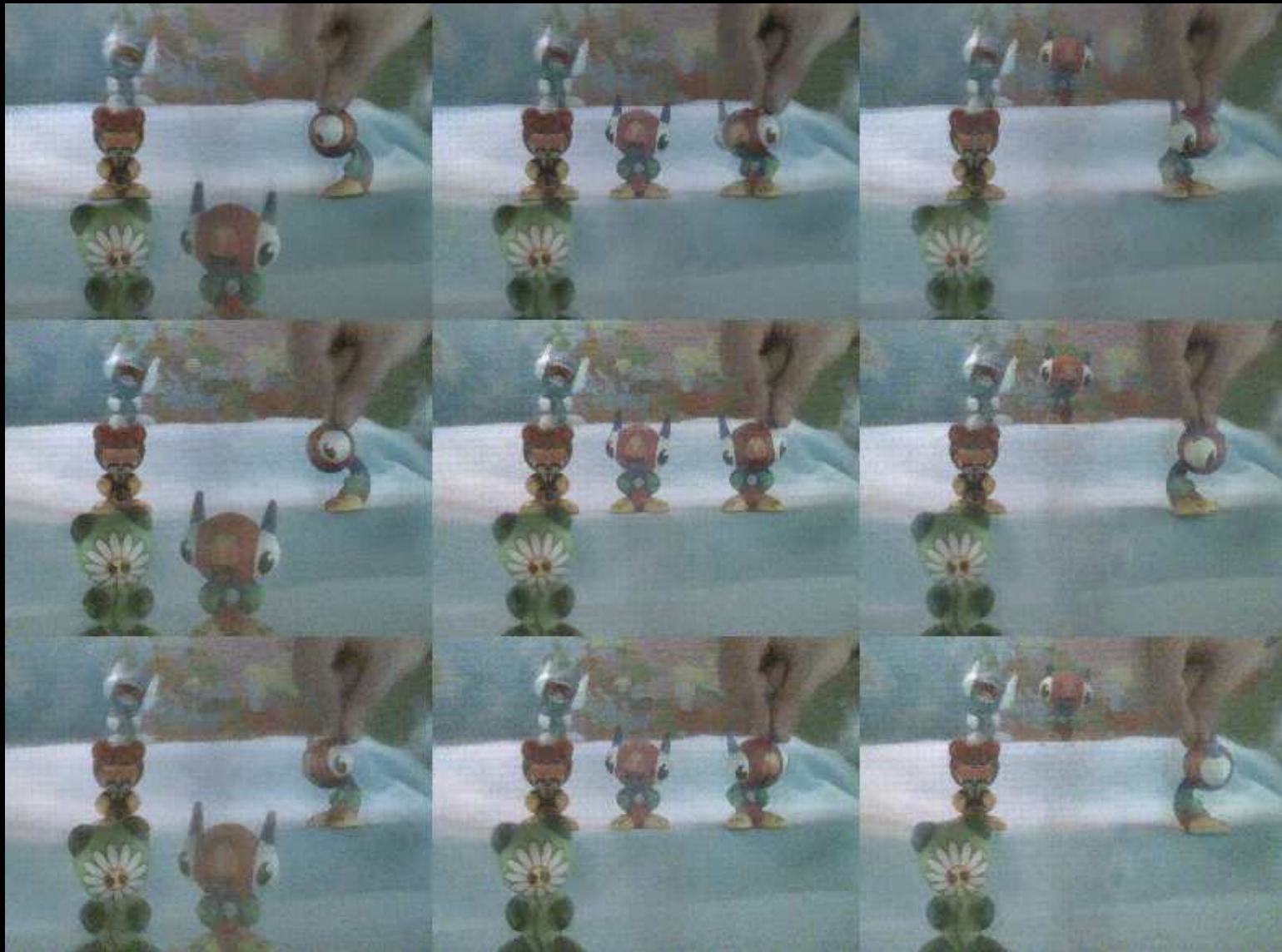




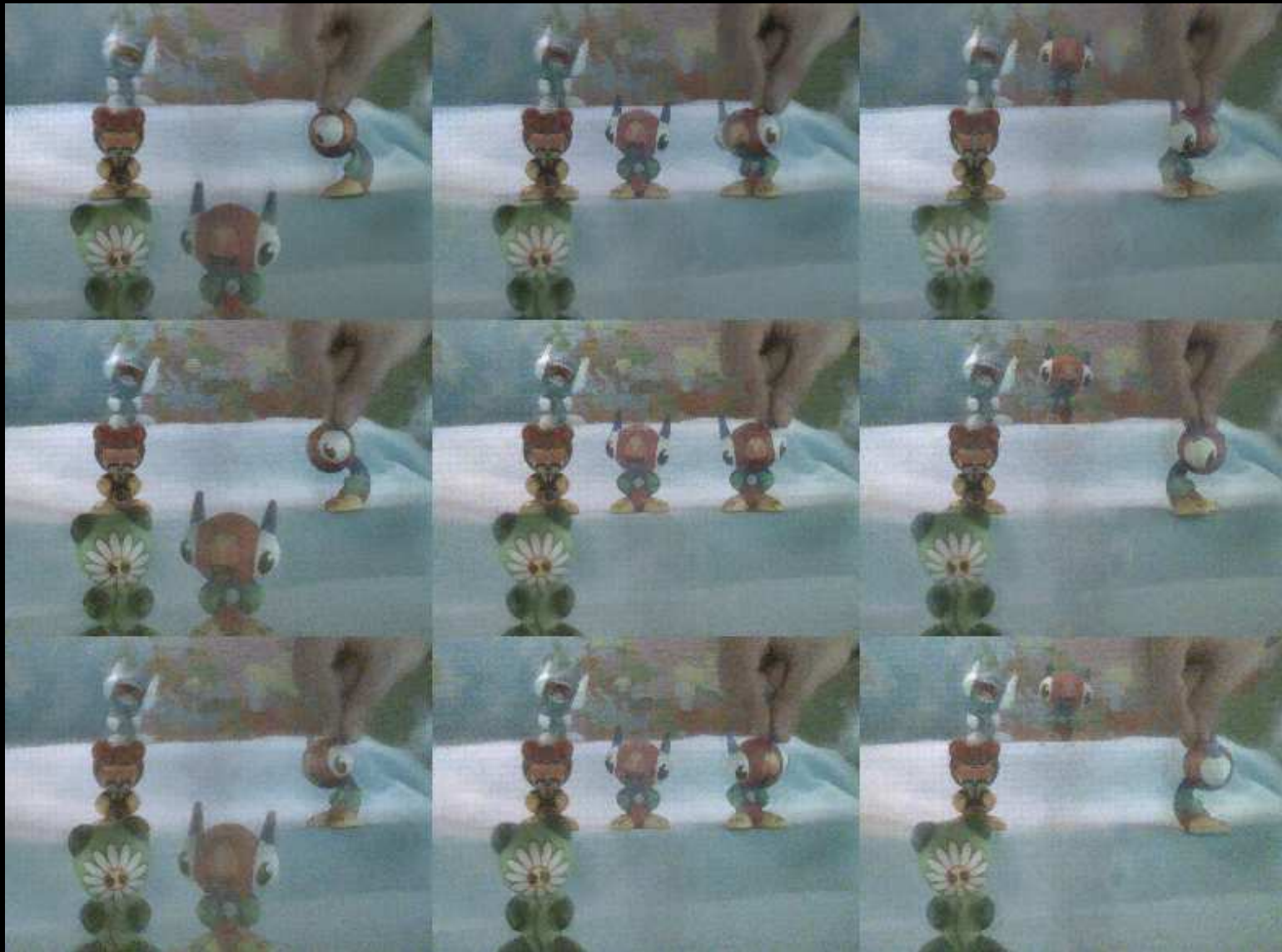


Rotating Object  
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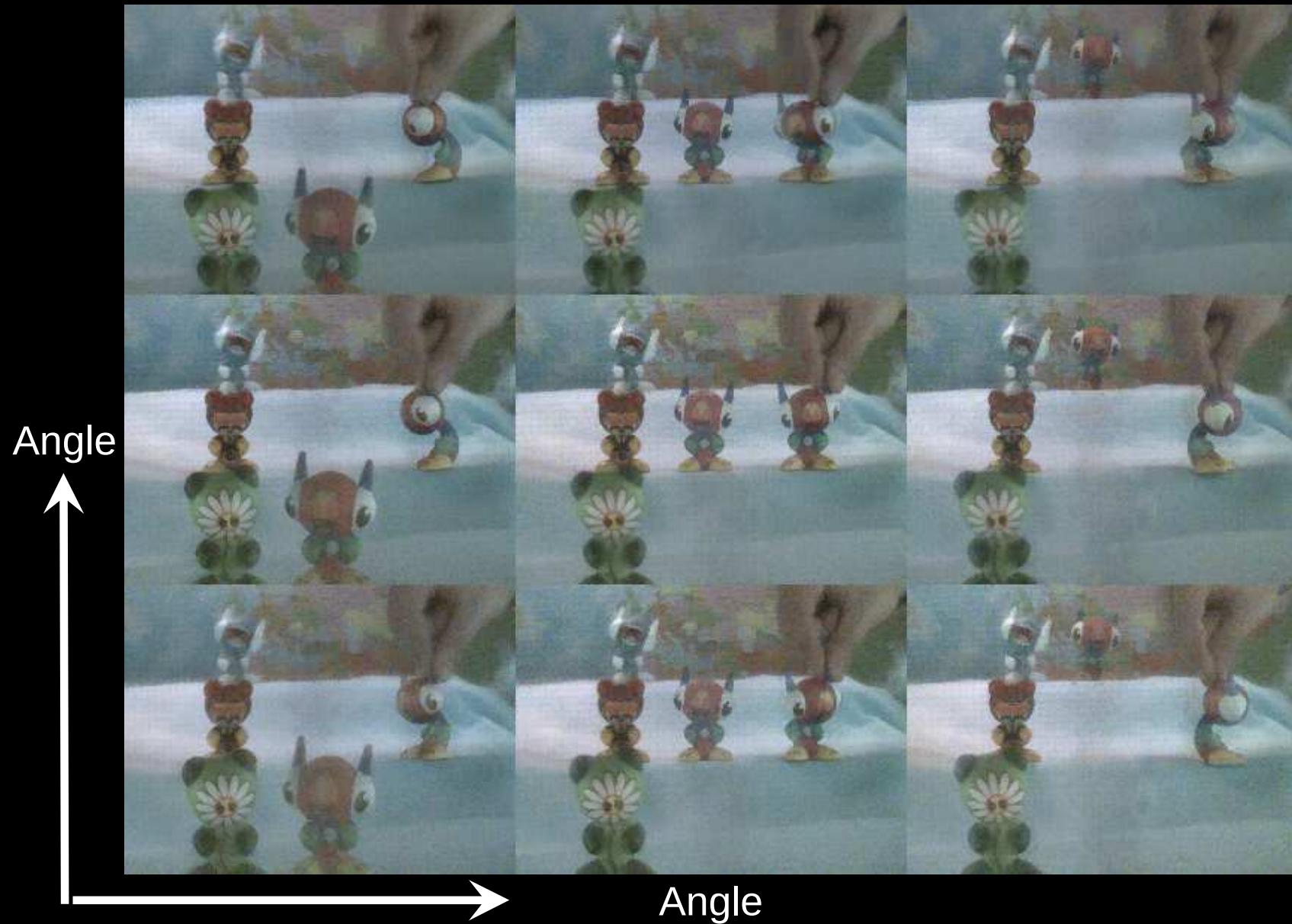
Reconstructed Sub-Aperture Views (3 by 3 Light Field)



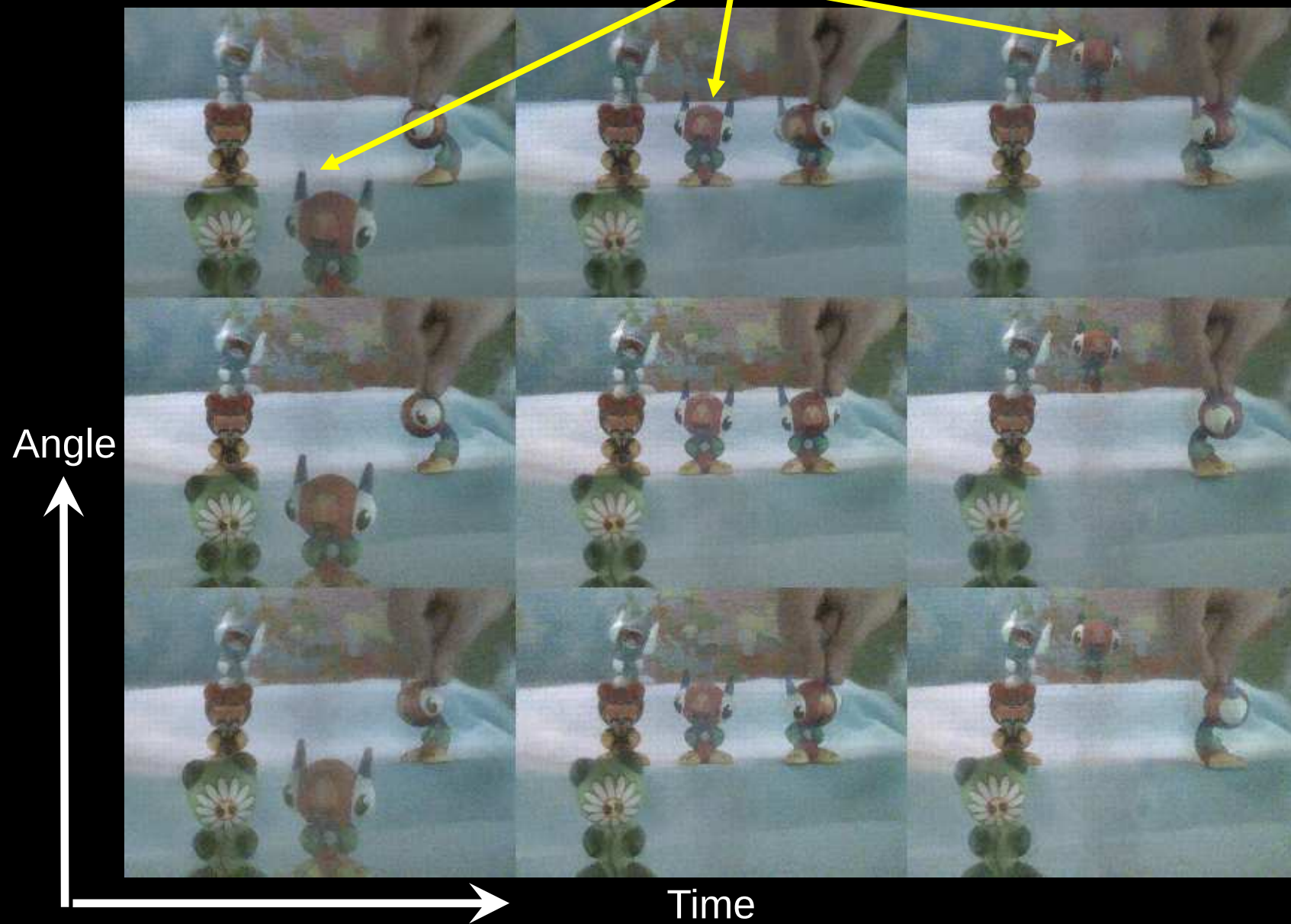
All Static and Dynamic Objects are sharp  
(No focus blur, no motion blur)



## For Static Objects

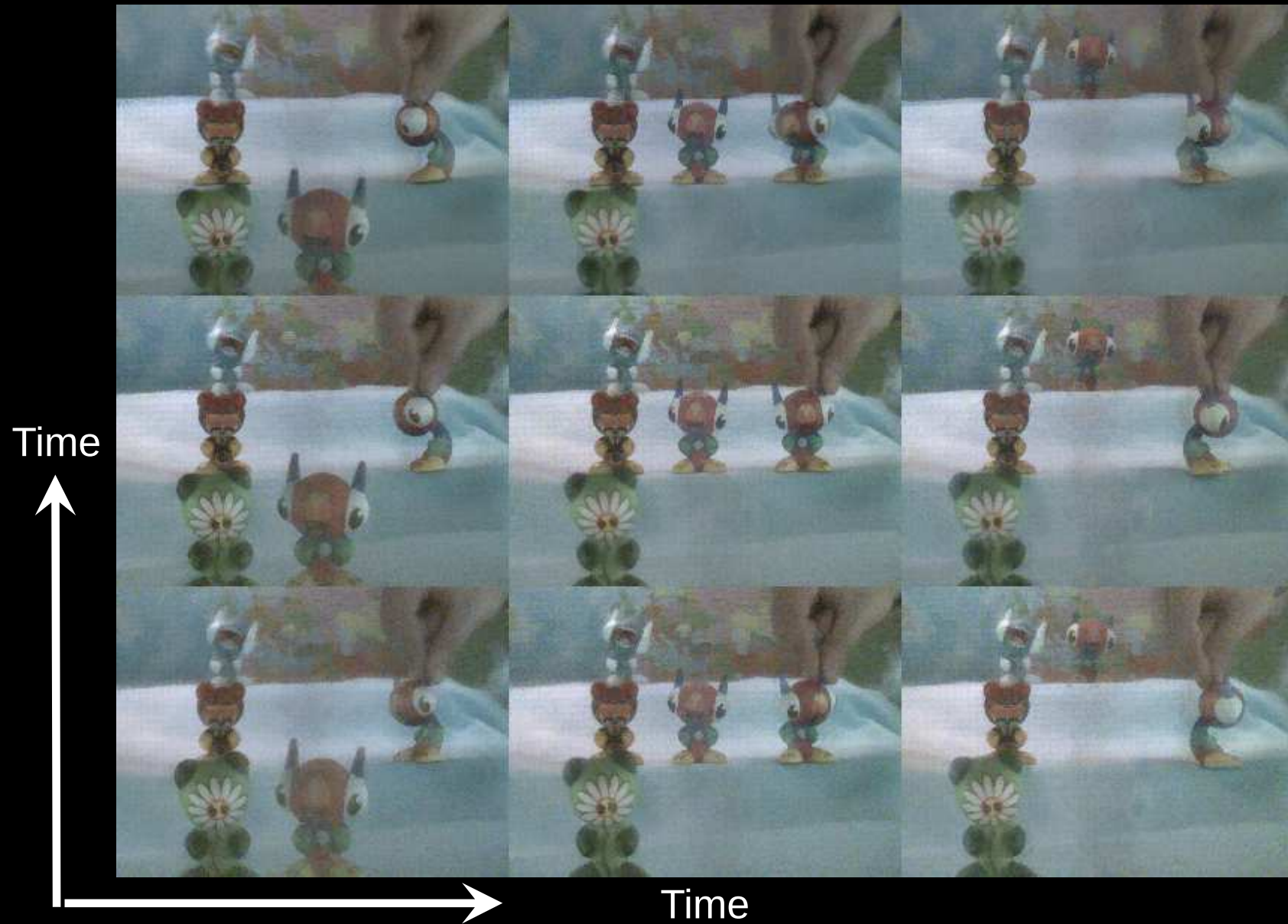


For Moving Toy in Middle



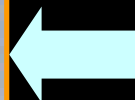


## For Rotating Toy on Right





High Resolution  
Image



Refocused on  
Static Toy





Digital Refocusing on Static Objects



Digital Refocusing on Static Objects



Digital Refocusing on Static Objects



Digital Refocusing on Static Objects





Digital Refocusing on Static Objects



Digital Refocusing on Static Objects



Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth



Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth





Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth



Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth



Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth



Digital Refocusing on Toy Moving in Depth





Video for Rotating Toy in-focus



# Computational Cameras

| Camera                 | Coding / Modulation Dimension |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Flutter Shutter        | Time (Exposure)               |
| Coded Aperture         | Space                         |
| Light Field Camera     | Space and Angle               |
| Reinterpretable Camera | Space, Time, Angle            |
| Flexible Voxels        | Space and Time                |
|                        |                               |

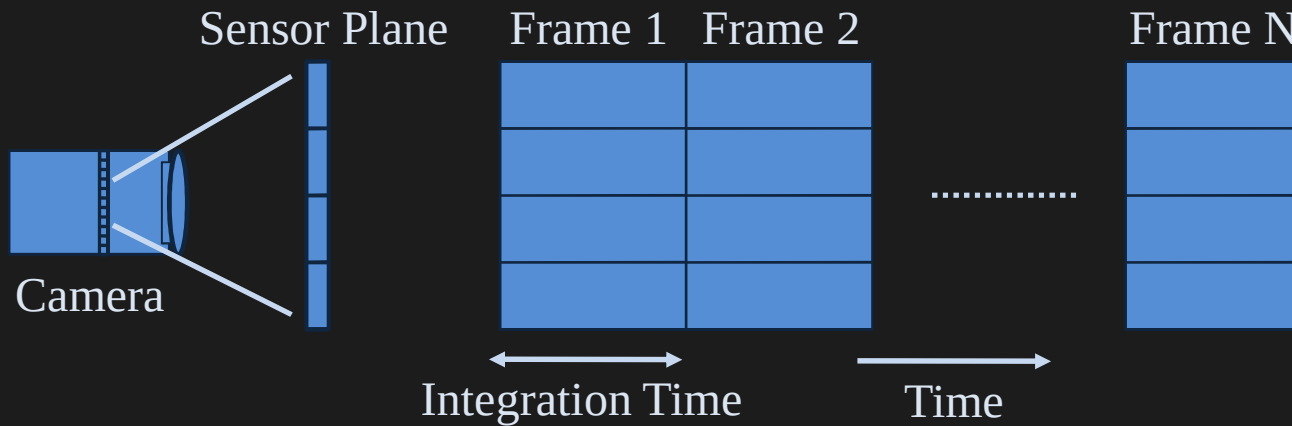


# Flexible Voxels

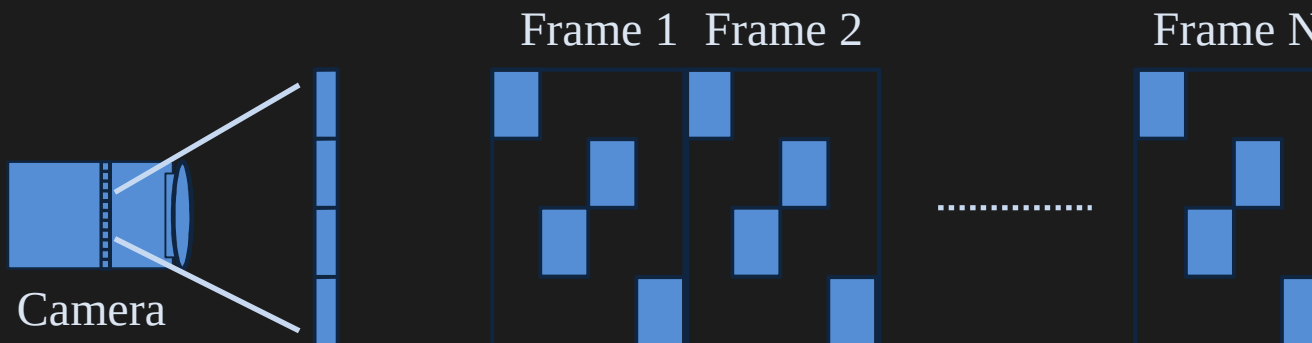
- Similar idea as Reinterpretable Camera
  - But for videos
- Traditional Video Camera
  - Spatial/Temporal Resolution is fixed
  - Scene Independent
- Flexible Voxels
  - 'Motion Aware' Video Camera
  - Scene dependent variable resolution

# Sampling of the Space-Time Volume

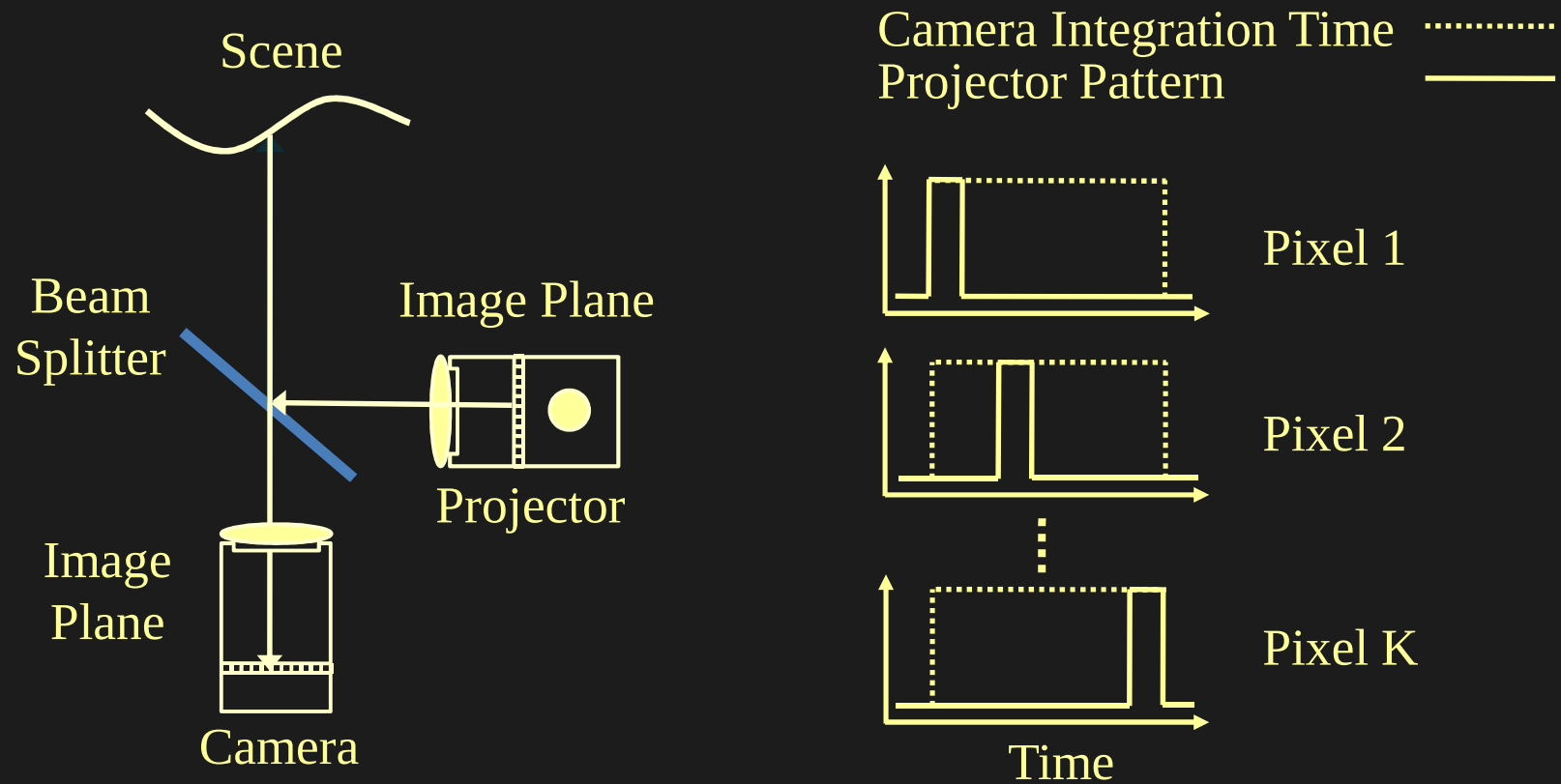
## Conventional Sampling Scheme:



## Our Sampling Scheme:



# Co-located Projector-Camera Setup





# Multiple Balls Bouncing and Colliding (15 FPS)

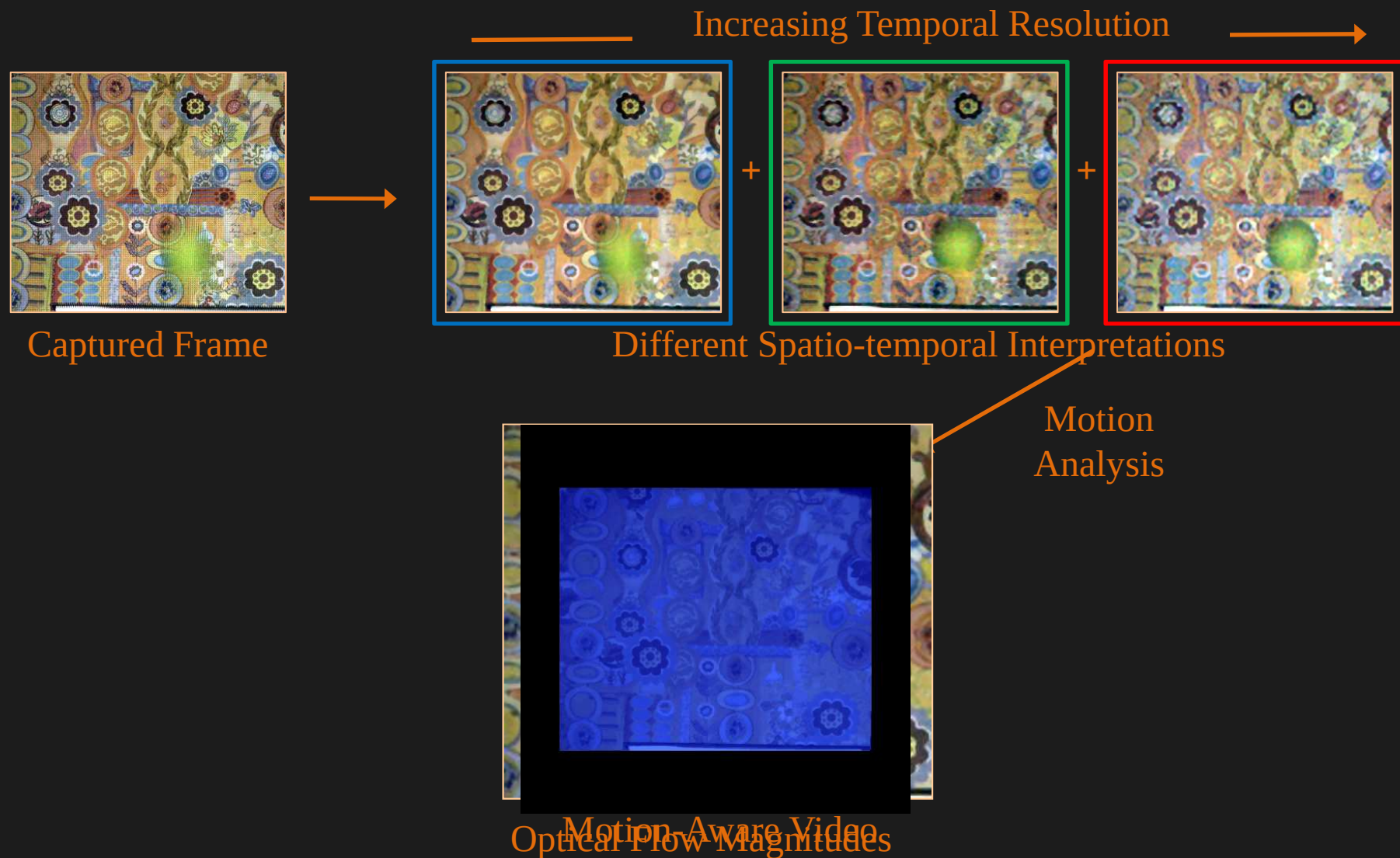


Large Motion Blur



Close-up

# Motion-aware Video



# Motion-aware Video



Simple Rebinning



Motion-Aware Video



# Multiple Balls Bouncing



Input Sequence



Motion-Aware Video



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|                        |                               |

Common Implementation using fast programmable LCD's





- Light Field Mode
- Reinterpretable Mode



# Computational Cameras and Illumination

- Cameras
  - Per-Pixel Control
  - Modulation in other dimensions: wavelength
  - Slicing and Sampling of Plenoptic function
- Reconstruction algorithms
  - Image/video based priors, compressive sensing
  - Statistical properties of plenoptic function
- Projectors
  - Angular (Directional) Control
  - 4D (light field) Projectors



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# Computational Cameras and Illumination

- Computational Illumination (Projector)

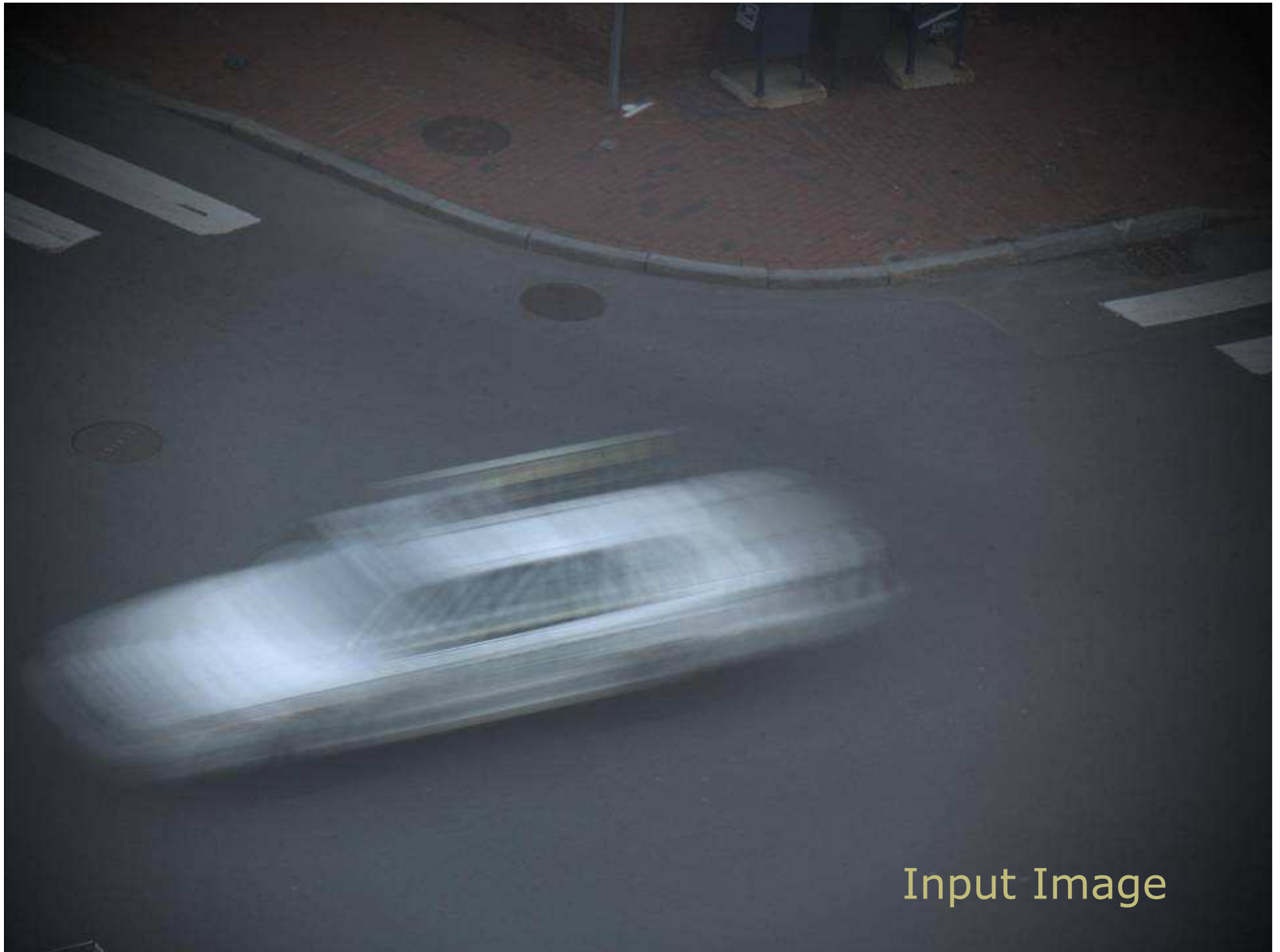
- Structure Light
- Design of new codes
- Global Illumination



- Computational Cameras

- Motion Blur, Focus Blur, Light Fields, Plenoptic Function





Input Image

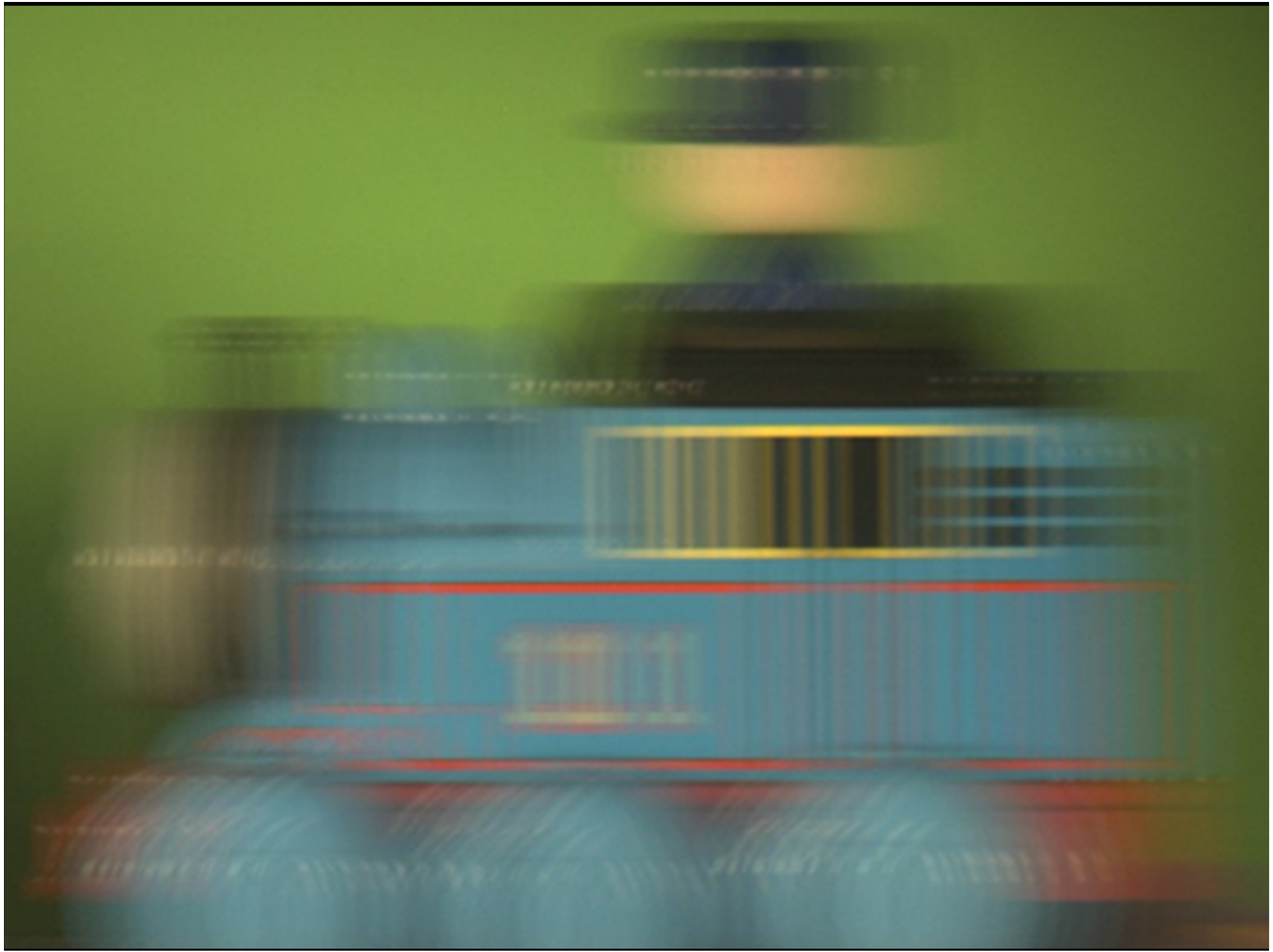




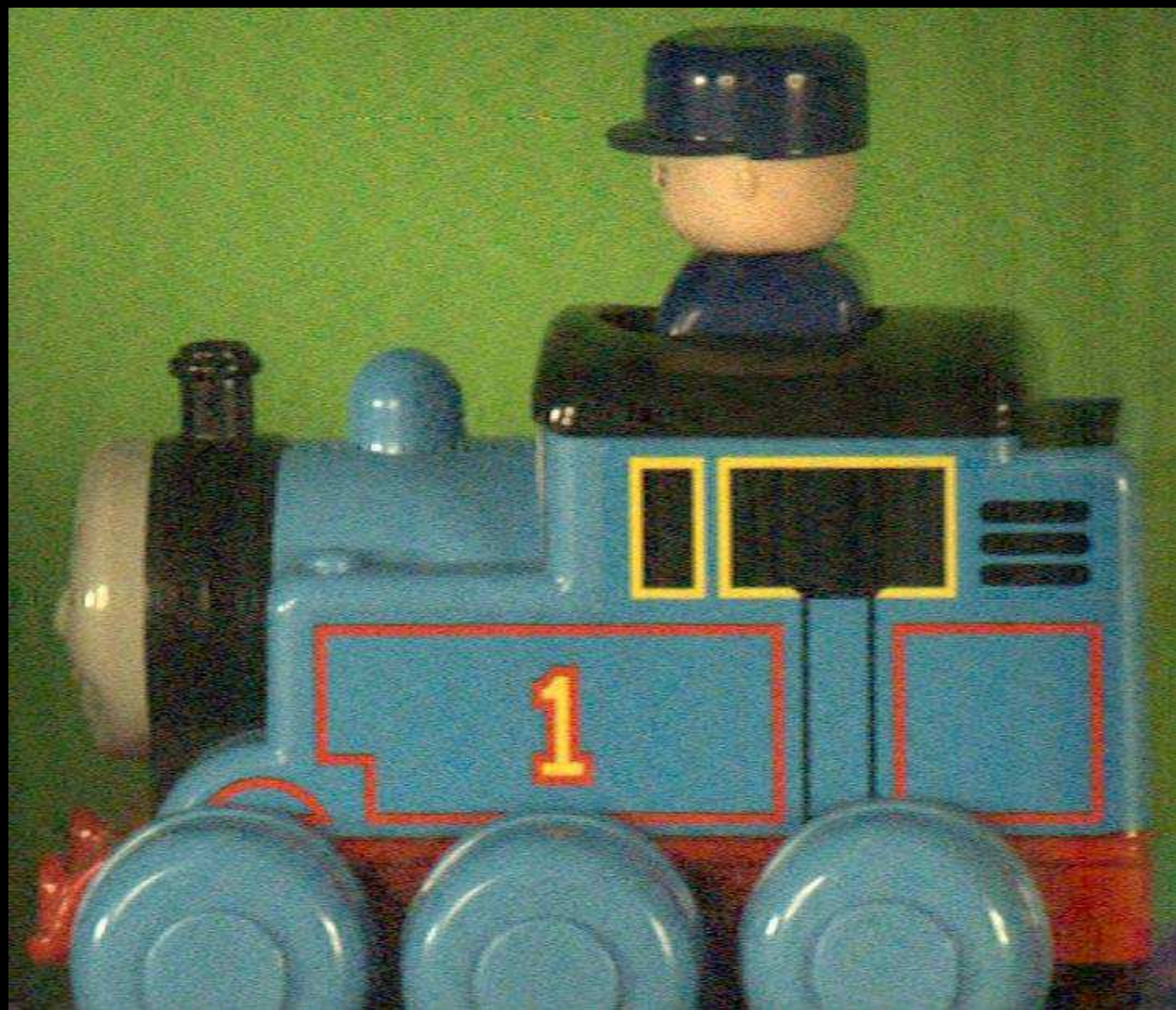
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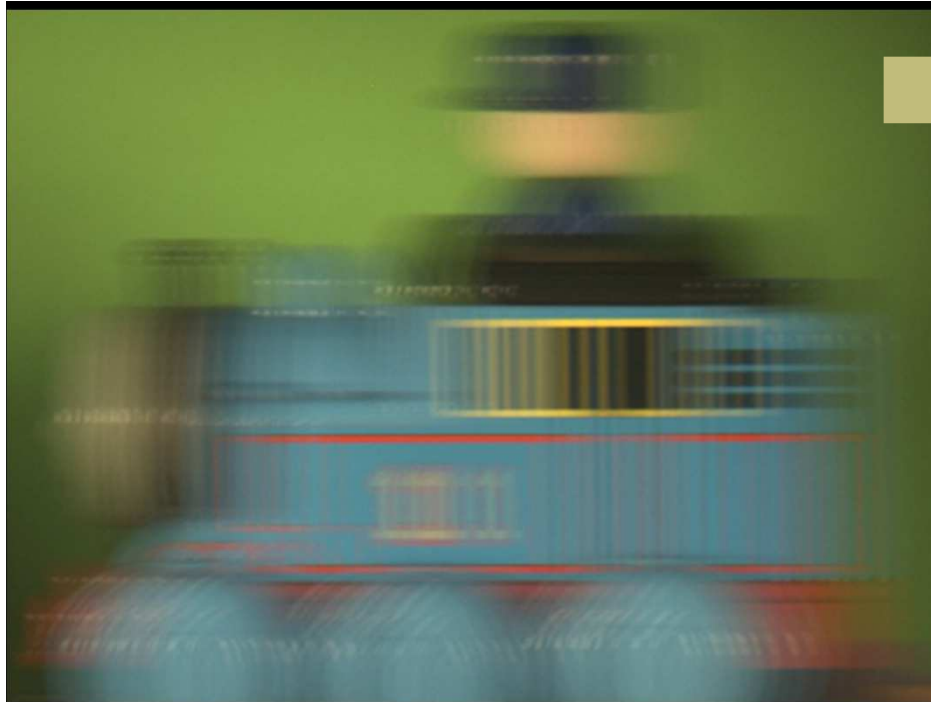


Deblurred Result

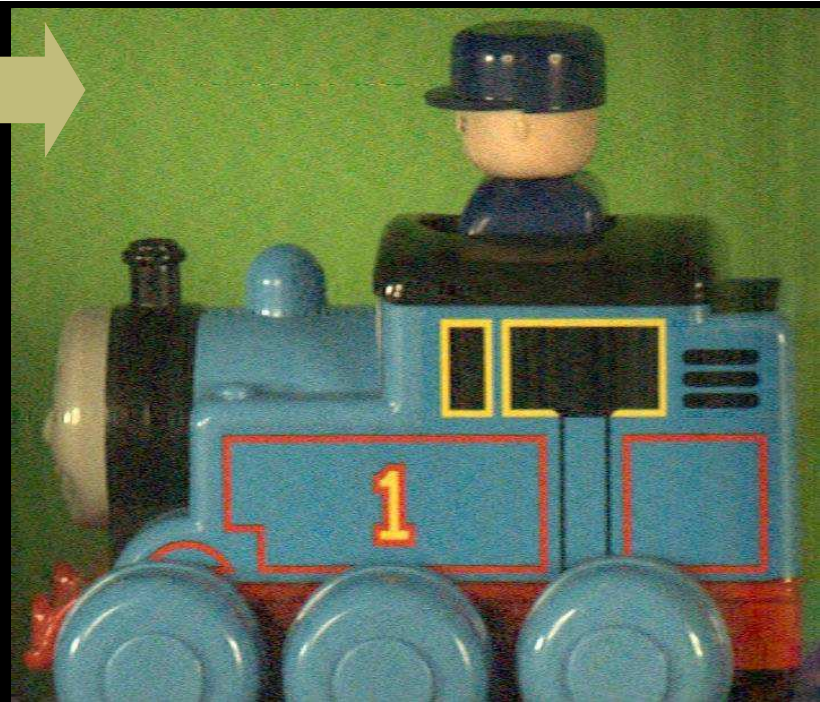








Input Photo



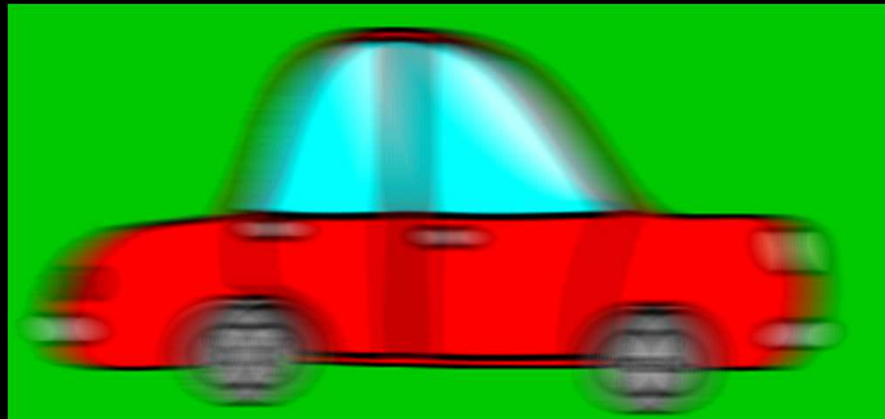
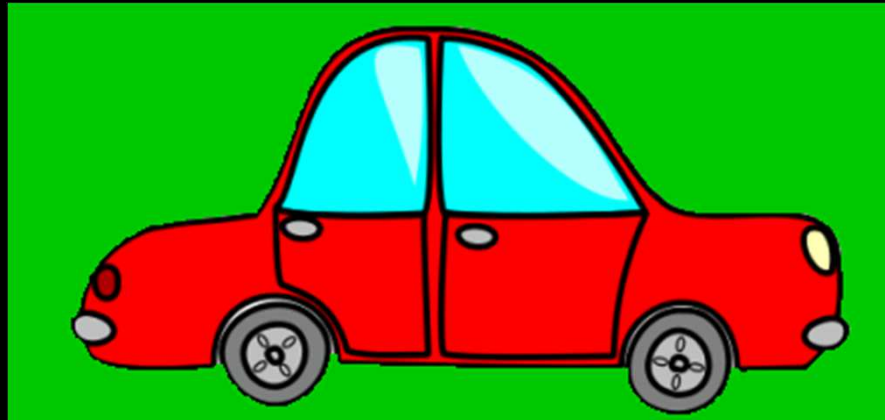
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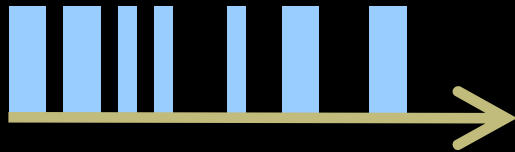


Traditional Camera

Shutter is OPEN

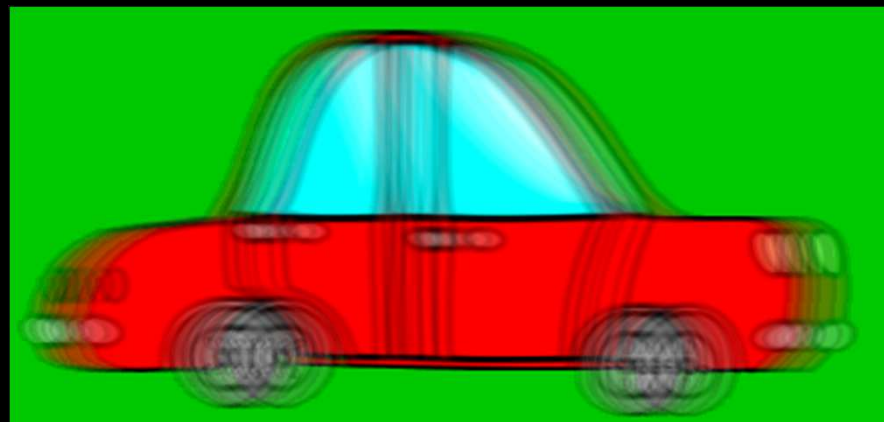
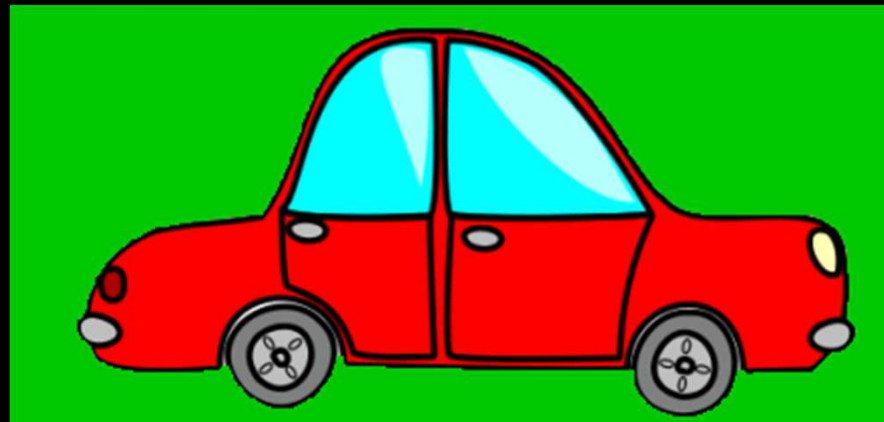


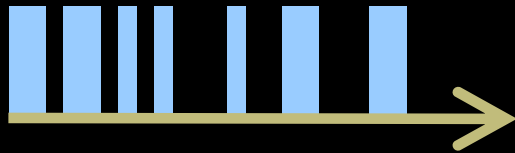




Our Camera

Flutter Shutter





Shutter is OPEN  
and CLOSED

